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1. Don Juan, Pretender to the Spanish throne, and the Confederacion de Derechas Monarquicas have designated Jose QUIÑONES de Leon, former Ambassador of Alfonso XIII to France, and Antonio ANSALDO, Spanish Monarchist, jointly to represent them in France.

2. ANSALDO was instructed by QUIÑONES de Leon to ask the Basque Government-in-Exile to join the liaison committee (See [redacted]) comprising representatives of Monarchists and Socialists attempting to create a provisional coalition government. 25X1A2g

3. Felix VEJARANO, who also was to have attempted to persuade the Basques to join the liaison committee, was to have left Paris in December to go to Estoril, Portugal.

4. ANSALDO asked the Basques to decide upon conditions under which they would join the liaison committee. He spoke only for himself, suggesting vaguely a formula for Basque autonomy.

5. ANSALDO said that the matter of asking the Catalans to join the liaison committee still is under study.

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6. ANSALDO gave [redacted] the text of a note which he said was delivered on 15 November 1948 to the United States, British and French Embassies in Madrid by the same Monarchists who had previously handed to these same diplomatic missions copies of the Monarchist-Socialist Agreement.

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7. The text of the new note, [redacted] clearly indicates that, by his yacht meeting with FRANCO, by permitting his son to attend school in Spain and through meetings with FRANCO yet to take place, Don Juan is working with FRANCO for the peaceful withdrawal of the latter and the restoration of the Monarchy.

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8. In [redacted] opinion there is no doubt but that FRANCO and Don Juan during the yacht meeting arrived at an agreement under which FRANCO would eventually put Don Juan in power. From the note of 15 November [redacted] drew the interpretation that it is clear that Don Juan is ready to go to Madrid when FRANCO calls, without awaiting the result of any plebiscite. 25X1X6

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