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Comment. Fifteen hundred copies of a Spanish pro-Communist pamphlet entitled El Terror Franquista en Espana, dated September 1948 and published by the Agrupacion Chilena de Ayuda de la Democracia Espanola, were distributed in Santiago recently. This pamphlet listed the names of persons imprisoned and assassinated by the Franco Police from 1 January 1947 to 5 August 1948 and described the reign of terror maintained by the Franco regime. The pamphlet was printed in the printing plant, Imprenta Condor, owned by Edmundo Cubillos, located at Calle San Diego 173, Santiago.)

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Comment. This pamphlet appears to incorporate the information submitted in a letter of 16 August 1948 from Antonio Mijs, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Spain, to Dionisio Encina, Secretary General of the Communist Party of Mexico. A list of the victims for the 1 January 1947 to 5 August 1948 period was also contained in a supplement to El Mundo Obrero, Spanish Communist newspaper printed in Paris on 28 August 1948.)

1. According to source, the order for the printing was given by Basilio Gonzalez Santolaya (or Basilio Santolalla Gonzalez), Spanish Communist refugee, on 7 October 1948. Three agents from the Investigaciones section visited the printing plant in an attempt to learn the name and address of the person who had ordered the pamphlets. They obtained no information because Gonzalez Santolaya had not left his address.
2. The following background information has been obtained on subject. In 1931, he was a student in Logrono, Spain, where he was active in organizing leftist groups. He reportedly studied radio-telegraphy, although he has not been active in this field.
3. In 1938, he joined the Communist Party in Barcelona, where he first worked for the Juventud Socialista Unificada. Because of his political background, he was imprisoned by the Franco police. In order to obtain his release from jail, he joined the Franco army, and subsequently fled to France, crossing the frontier at Irun. He arrived in Chile on the SS Winnipeg in September 1939.

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4. Gonzalez Santolaya is highly regarded for his technical and administrative abilities at the shoe factory, Edwards y Cia, where he is employed. He has taken several trips to Argentina, reputedly for business reasons, although the possibility exists that these were Communist Party missions. Since the detention and relegation of Ricardo Marin Gonzalez, former Director of La Verdad de Espana, subject has been acting Director of this Spanish Communist publication, but he has not been active in the Party, possibly because he has tuberculosis.

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