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1. The Communist Party of Chile (PCCh) is reportedly planning to give all its assistance to the Frente Nacional Democratico (National Democratic Front), which is formed from the following parties:

Partido Socialista Unificado (Unified Socialist Party) otherwise known as the Partido Socialista Autentico, the faction which is presided over by Marmaduke Grove;

Partido Democratico del Pueblo (People's Democratic Party), presided over by Santiago Wilson; and

Partido Radical Doctrinario (Radical Doctrinaire Party), formed from the supporters of Senators Gustavo Giron and Rudesindo Ortega.

2. The Electoral Commission of the Communist Party claims that the Communists can contribute about fifty-three to fifty-five thousand votes for the slate of the combined group. The Law of Elections permits the Partido Socialista Unificado to present candidates, so the candidates desired by the Communists will be placed on the list of the Socialistas Unificados.
3. This coalition will be able to muster about one hundred and fifty thousand votes, according to the Political Commission of the Communist Party, and could possibly gain twenty-five seats in Congress. After the formation of the Frente Nacional Democratico is complete, the PCCh intends to solicit the aid of the FRAS group. This group is composed of the Falange Nacional, the Partido Democratico Radical, the Partido Agrario-Laborista, and the Partido Socialista. If the Communists succeed in securing this support, they would become the primary electoral force in the country, with approximately three hundred and twenty thousand votes in the elections of March 1949.
4. One of the paid leaders of the Communist Party, Eduardo Osorio, has stated that the Party is well pleased with the recent turn of events. Since the recent revolutionary threat failed to materialize, the danger that the PCCh might come under a more reactionary government than the present one was averted. On the other hand, the recent conspiracy, Osorio feels, has undermined the confidence of the rest of the political parties in the Government of Gonzalez Videla. The period of repression of the Party has served the purpose of bringing to light a great number of real militants who have

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offered their services to the Party. These militants might otherwise have remained unknown or would have been classified as less loyal. The Party will now be in a position to replace the old leaders who are too well-known by the public.

5. Communists state that the present period of conformity with the Government is superficial and may be compared with the unrest existing during the regime of the former president, General Ibanez, which unrest culminated in the overthrow of that Government. Party organizations are counseled not to prejudice themselves in useless or sporadic fights, but rather to remain quiet and to bide their time.
6. The following instructions were given by the Party for the month of November:
  - a. Conduct individual propaganda regarding the hunger strike in Pisagua, the prison camp where Communists were relegated;
  - b. Propagandize against the film, "Behind the Iron Curtain";
  - c. Maintain the watchword, "United States is preparing a Pearl Harbor for the Soviet Union;"
  - d. Conduct activities discreetly in order not to give any cause for the officials of the Electoral Register to bar names from the register. These instructions are particularly strict for the provinces where all the work of propaganda must be realized by the Youth cadres, to protect the militants of the Party;
  - e. Keep absolutely secret all information regarding militant Communists and the selection of militants so that in the next elections their names may be presented as candidates for deputies or governors. These militants are in a reserved status and will receive instructions only from the secretary of the local committees;
  - f. Carry out a campaign of painting Communist slogans on walls and sides of buildings;
  - g. In each cell meeting, all militants should try to make a "voluntary contribution" in addition to their monthly dues. The sum collected in this manner will be given to the local committee to be used in cases of emergency. No aid may be expected from the Central Committee because of the heavy expenses necessary to support the illegal organization.
  - h. The militants who have good connections must aid any movement which is against the government of Gonzalez Videla.

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