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SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.

A leader of the Communist Party of Chile (PCCh) has furnished source with the following account of the Communist channels of communication and of the manner in which the PCCh maintains correspondence with foreign Parties.

1. Ruben Sotoconil Azocar is in charge of corresponding with Communist intellectual centers. He is also charged with presenting to the Political Commission of the PCCh information on the international situation which will serve as a basis for establishing national and international political tactics.
2. Sotoconil is a professor of English and an actor in the Teatro Experimental of the University of Chile. He is also secretary to Communist Senator Guillermo Guevara on foreign correspondence, and formerly wrote a column in the Communist newspaper El Siglo under the pseudonym of Konil. He is married to Graciela Alvarez, an attorney and militant Communist who is an actress also in the Teatro Experimental. She is a member of the Communist Party Regional Committee of Santiago.
3. At present, the PCCh receives most of its information from Buenos Aires and Paris, and the remainder from Montevideo. In the past, information was received from Mexico and Cuba. This information consists of pamphlets, booklets and books of a uniform world-wide character, generally originating in Moscow. Nothing has been received directly from Prague or Belgrade except simple news bulletins which are used in Party clandestine publications. The material from Moscow generally arrives via Paris and the American material arrives via Buenos Aires. The general themes treated by the pamphlets are adapted to Chilean national conditions, which are studied, however, in relation to the situation in Europe. Source states that there are no specific reports transmitted by private letters or personal messengers.
4. The material from Paris consists of publications from the Institute of Foreign Languages in Moscow, French publications and some material of Italian origin. This material is sent to the PCCh free of charge by the offices of the French Communist Party Central Committee. Usually three copies are sent and are delivered to the directorate of the Communist Party of Chile which requests a report from Ruben Sotoconil or from Carlos Contreras Labarca. The information is examined, and anything of interest is translated literally or summarized by Sotoconil. The

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material from Argentina is generally examined personally by Gale Gonzalez Diaz, who then passes it to other Party directors. If it is considered valuable, it is printed in pamphlets for the Party militants.

5. Most of this material is sent by regular mail to the addresses of Carlos Contreras Labarca, Marcoleta 414, and to Ruben Sotoconil, c/o Teatro Experimental, University of Chile. Some material is sent to Rene Frias, Teatinos 20, Dept. 35. In exceptional cases pamphlets are entrusted for delivery to observers who are moving from one capital to another to offer guidance in organizational matters or to study organization problems of the Party. These individuals also present oral reports on national situations and are charged with transmitting the accepted Party line to their respective countries.
6. Documents coming from Europe arrive about six months after the addressee has been advised by letter that the shipment is being sent. The material from Buenos Aires and Montevideo arrives in the usual time required for regular mail.

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~~SECRET~~ Comment. This report is believed to be correct in relation to the general policy and directives of the PCCh. However, the position of source's contacts within the Party is not believed to be such that they would know of high-level administrative or financial communications.

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