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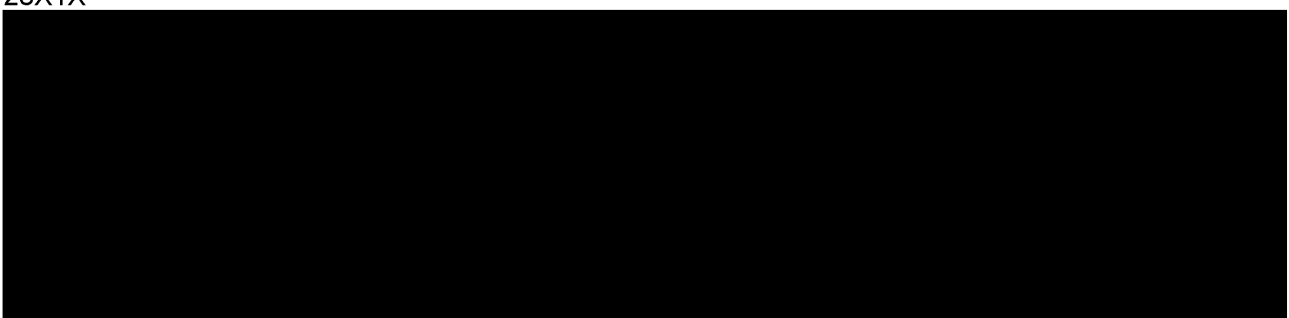
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1. Confirmation has been received [redacted] in the Communist Party of Chile (PCCh) that Elisa Keller received special instruction in the USSR before entering Chile and that she holds a high position in the PCCh, as was alleged in newspaper accounts published after her arrest in August 1949. When preliminary investigations were conducted immediately after she and her sister, Rosalia Keller de Palma, were arrested as suspected Soviet agents, [redacted] police contacts reported that the Confidential Section of Investigaciones had no proof of any of the charges in the press.* However, when it was learned that the Foreigner Control Section of Investigaciones was responsible for the newspaper account, [redacted] determine the origin of the conflicting versions of the two Investigaciones branches.

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2. The press accusations were based on information furnished by Theodore Kluszynski Dunay, a Secretary of the former Polish Embassy in Santiago. It is alleged that the report on the Keller sisters had been extracted by Kluszynski Dunay from the files of the former Embassy and furnished to Carlos Herrera Lopez, Chief of the Foreigner Control Division of Investigaciones. It was Herrera Lopez who furnished the reports of the Keller sisters' Communist activities to the press, although he has denied this to other members of Investigaciones.

3. The two women were arrested by the Confidential Section of Chilean Investigaciones; but since they are Rumanian nationals and not Chileans, they were later turned over to the Foreigner Control Division. The Foreigner Control Division informed the Confidential Section that investigation had revealed nothing which would indicate that the Keller sisters were Soviet agents, but at the same time prepared the report, a part of which formed the basis for the subsequent newspaper accounts, setting forth the Communist activities of the Kellers.

4. Theodore Kluszynski Dunay, reported to be a Communist, is said to be the president of the Comite de Ex-Combatientes (Polish Veterans) and was the representative of the Polish colony for Union para la Victoria, a Communist-front organization existing during the war. His sister, allegedly employed in the Polish Ministry of Interior in Warsaw, was reported to be sending him Communist propaganda through regular air mail channels for distribution among Poles and Chileans in Santiago.

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5. Although the validity of the information supplied to Herrera Lopez by Kluszynski Dunay was regarded with suspicion because of the latter's Communist ideology, the substance of his reports appears to be correct. It is not believed, however, that Elisa Keller Keller is a member of the Central Committee of the PCCh.
6. It has been ascertained that Elisa Keller Keller was born in Tasmad, Savaj Provinca, Rumania on 24 January 1914. She is the daughter of Pablo and Fanny Keller and the sister of Andres, Alexander, Tiberius, Ila, Maraci, and Rosalia Keller. She arrived by ship in Iquique, Chile from Rumania on 6 November 1936. Until recently she was employed in the Caja de Segura Obligatorio (Workmen's Social Security Agency) in Santiago, but at present is relegated to the southern town of Chanco Chile, where she reports daily to the head of the local Investigaciones detachment. She has Santiago cedula 921187. There is no record of her having left Chile since her arrival.
7. Rosalia Keller de Palma was born in Tasmad, Savaj Province, Rumania, on 13 September 1919 and, accompanied by her mother, arrived in Chile on 14 November 1930. In 1941 she was a student at the University of Chile but subsequently married Daniel Palma Robledo, the Secretary General of the Chilean Communist Youth. She is the bearer of Santiago cedula No. 1225308. At present she is also relegated to Chanco, where she must report daily to Investigaciones.

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