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The following confidential message prepared by the Political Commission, Chilean Communist Party, was distributed to all Regional Committees:

1. "The strategic line of our Party, as elaborated in the 17th Plenary Session of the Central Committee and ratified and developed in the meetings of the Political Commission which followed the Plenary Session, is contained in the reports, manifestos, declarations, and articles of the Party. In these two years of illegality the Party has carried forward its work according to this line, which has been justified by the results. The Party has successfully withstood repression and continues to go forward at the head of the masses, because it has acted according to this wise political line.
2. "Nevertheless, the Directorate of the Party considers it necessary that the entire Party have a more complete understanding at this time of the strategic line and the tactical line. Individual and collective study of the documents of the Party, from the report of 17th Session by Comrade Reinoso, continues to be the order of the day. Fully armed with the fundamental knowledge of Marxism and the political line, the Party will be in a condition to orient itself and the masses, even in the face of the most difficult circumstances.
3. "A general orientation of the Party work is not lacking. What is needed is a complete absorption of the Party line; its correct and rapid transmission; less quarreling about its justice and more fight for its practical application. More attention should be paid to the form of transmittal and the application of the political line; to the couriers who must function rapidly as the times demand; and to the organic measures for putting it into practice. As stated by Comrade Stalin, 'After a correct political line is drafted, it is the organizational work which determines its success or failure'.
4. "It has been observed in several sections that the orientation circulars of the Party have arrived very late among the cells, and in other cases have not arrived at all. This must be changed. Because the Party is illegal, extra efforts must be made to handle Party affairs more efficiently than ever. The orientation circulars and the resolutions of the Party must be transmitted within 24 hours or less, and, as has happened in some regions, the militant must not be content

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with transmitting them merely to intermediary addresses such as local or communal committees, without knowing whether they arrive at the cells and above all how they apply. The practice must be discontinued of waiting for weekly meetings to consider the resolutions of the Party without taking into account the fact that some of them cannot wait. This information must be forwarded with rapidity dictated by a more accelerated rhythm of work. It is necessary to hold special meetings during this period which should be brief and to the point. The comrades should not be overloaded with meetings but they should be required to study the changes taking place daily and at each moment, so they would be in a position to take practical measures to accomplish the assigned tasks.

5. "The directors of the Party must study the methods to be employed in their own region or locality to assure the rapid and correct transmission of resolutions and orientation circulars. Of utmost importance for the regional and local committees is to have an 'Activo Agil'* who understands fully the Party line and not only knows how to explain it correctly, but can also fight for its application and help the local cell directors to see practical ways of conforming to the line in accordance with the conditions of each place and each political moment. The Party must become an agile, active and combative Party as is fitting in the present circumstances. The Commission of Propaganda is also called upon to play a heavy role in the transmission and application of the Party line, not only in relation to the Party but in relation to the great masses. It must use circulars, manifestos, illegal publications, flash meetings, slogans, and must continually make plans and put them into practice, keeping in mind that Comrade Lenin said that when the masses have been penetrated they will be transformed into a powerful material force.
6. "All efforts should be made to find out where failures of organization are responsible for assignments not being fulfilled and where passiveness, the worst form of opportunism, must be corrected. When means are found which will better Party work in the field of transmission and activating the Communist line, the organization of the Party must be changed. Great strides will then have been made toward fulfilling the work outlined for the militants for the well-being of the people and the independence of the country."

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Comment. The term "Activo Agil" refers to activists of the Party who are outstanding in their work as militants and do not hesitate to make sacrifices to attend meetings and do the work assigned to them.

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