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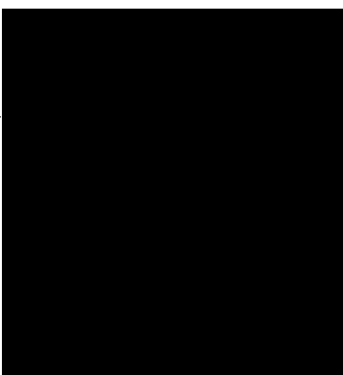
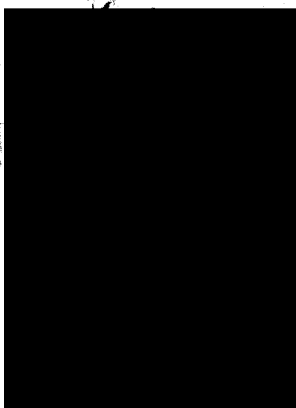
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- There are transmitted herewith for your retention the following Spanish Communist Party publications:
Nuestra Bandera, Nos. 2, 3 and 4 - December, January and February-March
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The publications enclosed show good organization of material, publicize party leaders in effective ways, and are well calculated to appeal to the pride and patriotic sentiments of Spanish exiles and to encourage belief among them that communism and the USSR offer power, sympathy and hope for their cause. The writing shows considerable professional skill and a convincing tone of self assurance. The series of attributed articles in Nuestra Bandera's special Stalin birthday number cleverly identifies Spanish Communist leaders as authorities and exponents of Stalinism and the Moscow party line. According to the notice on the back of title page there was a special printing of this issue consisting of 40 numbered copies on high-grade paper, not to be sold, presumably intended as gifts for selected persons. For greater value in meeting intelligence requirements, the number published, regularity of issue, circulation in France, among Spanish exiles in other countries, and estimated number smuggled into Spain as well as means of financing publication and distribution should be ascertained.

The Spanish Communist press advocates the deliberate use of Spanish humor to damage the Franco regime by ridicule, which was highly effective against Dictator Primo de Rivera. Some of the jokes in these magazines are known to be circulating inside Spain, but whether they originated there or in these pages cannot be judged.

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