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Subject: Disappearance of
Mauricio BAEZ

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1. Mauricio BAEZ, Negro, Dominican exile, labor leader, was kidnapped from his residence at Cervantes #8, Reparto El Sevillano, La Sabana, by three unknown individuals on Sunday morning, December 10, 1950. Formerly BAEZ had lived at the Hotel Belgica and the Hotel San Luis. (PRESS)
2. BAEZ who was genuinely liked by nearly all of the exiles moved from the Hotel Belgica to the Cervantes #8 address during the summer of 1950. While at the Belgica Hotel, he had been living with a mulatto Cuban girl from Oriente Province. Ricardo RICO, the then Dominican Charge d'Affaires in Cuba, Felix BERNARDINO, succeeded in taking this girl away from BAEZ. As a result, there was considerable trouble between BAEZ and RICO, but eventually BAEZ let the matter drop. Recently BAEZ had been living a very quiet life in a middle class neighborhood of modern houses, where he had a room at the Cervantes #8 address.
3. There had been some speculation among the exiles, because of the trouble between RICO and BAEZ, that RICO was responsible for BAEZ's disappearance. However, since RICO left for the Dominican Republic on November 22, it is generally believed that RICO was not directly involved.
4. Another possibility given consideration by some was that BAEZ had been ordered to disappear by Enrique HENRIQUEZ, the brother-in-law of President Carlos PRIO, as an anti-TRUJILLO move on HENRIQUEZ's part. BAEZ had a job with the Ministry of Public Works, which was obtained for him by HENRIQUEZ, and also spoke on the Enrique HENRIQUEZ radio hour each Sunday night, during which he made strong anti-TRUJILLO speeches. BAEZ was completely dependent financially upon HENRIQUEZ. However, this possibility has long been discarded and practically all the Dominican exiles, their friends and sympathizers are now convinced that BAEZ has been killed as a result of some action of TRUJILLO.
5. Approximately fifteen days before BAEZ's disappearance, the Partido

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Accion Revolucionario/Accion Revolucionario Guiteras (PAR/ARG) paid out nearly \$20,000 to various creditors on behalf of their newspaper "La Voz". Although proof is lacking, it is believed in some well-informed quarters that through certain emissaries TRUJILLO paid a large sum of money to the gangster PAR/ARG group to dispose of BAEZ. It is believed that both Jesus GONZALEZ CARTAS and Eufenio FERNANDEZ, who head the PAR/ARG, know who is responsible for the murder of BAEZ.

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