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SOURCE: Paragraph 1: Journalist with a wide acquaintance in Communist circles (C).

Paragraph 2: Businessman with communist contacts (B).

Appraisal of Content: As noted.

- C-3 1. A Salvadoran who was recently in Guatemala met many exiled Salvadoran Communists, there and on his return to Salvador made the following observations:
- a. Gilberto LARA, exiled Salvadoran Communist, is now working for the Guatemalan Government as an inspector in the Social Security Division. LARA is regarded as an important Salvadoran Communist in Guatemala.
 - b. Benjamin GUZMAN, long-time Salvadoran Communist who has been branded as a government informant by the Communists, recently went to Mexico, where he was in touch with Miguel Angel VASQUEZ, Salvadoran Communist leader exiled in Mexico. GUZMAN is said to be closely associated with Salvadoran exiles in Guatemala and is now working with Abel CUENCA of the Partido de la Revolucion Guatemalteca (PRG). CUENCA, a well-known Salvadoran Communist, has spent many years in Guatemala.
 - c. Approximately two hundred exiled Salvadorans are associated with the Asociacion Democratica Salvadorena (ADS) and the Communists of Guatemala.
 - d. Ricardo CASTELLANOS Galvo, Salvadoran Communist student exiled in Guatemala, asserted that fewer than ten per cent of the Salvadoran Communist leaders have been exiled and consequently the leadership of the Partido Comunista Salvadoreno (PCS) has not been destroyed by the Salvadoran Government.
 - e. Manuel Atilio HASBUN, Salvadoran student leader recently exiled to Guatemala as a Communist, is now being regarded by the exiled Salvadoran Communists as sincere but disoriented.

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f. CASTELLANOS said also that the ADS has prepared a plan for Salvadoran Communists which is now being checked in Guatemala to eliminate errors, after which it is to be sent to Mario FLORES MacCall, prominent Salvadoran Communist, sometime during the month of December.

B-3 2. The PCS, following instructions from Mexican Communists, has expelled Dr. Tony VASSILIU, Alejandro Dagoberto MARROQUIN, Luis Ricardo JIMENEZ Castro, and Benjamin GUZMAN. VASSILIU was expelled from the Mexican Communist Party several years ago for misappropriating funds of the Partido Salvadoreno of Nicaragua. GUZMAN's expulsion is the result of the accusation by Communist colleagues of collaborating with the Salvadoran Government, as mentioned above.

1. Field Comment. The PCS is considered by most people to be leaderless and inactive as a group. CASTELLANOS Calvo was, apparently, indulging in a little Communist boasting.

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