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PBHISTORY

KUGOWN Exploitation PBHISTORY Document # 2091

1. Special attention should be given to Doc # 2091, which is a letter written to Gerson Amos PRADO Diaz, a Communist Guatemalan schoolteacher who recently sought asylum after the fall of the Arbenz regime. The letter is written by his father.
2. The letter, although admittedly a simple emotional one, carries a theme which could be exploited by the emotional press both in the States and in Latin America. It is strongly recommended that the letter and the circumstances under which it was written be given exclusively to Billy Graham.
3. In brief, the letter written by a conscious stricken anti-communist father, who still loves his only son, is pleading that his communist influenced son return to God and the simple virtues. He requests him to spurn his false (Communist) associates and listen again to his family and elders. The father states that only by faithfully adhering to his father's advice can he successfully cleanse himself of his Communist sins.
4. If Graham should use this naive, religious letter, KUGOWN-wise this could easily be the most impressive of the PBHISTORY group.

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24 September 1954

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A Dios y a mi hijo!

Chiquimula, Agosto de 1954.

Gerson:

Mi sentimiento de padre relacionado al único hijo ha sido de que te quedaras con nosotros por varias razones, pero si te toca salir, también por varias razones, que Mi Dios que es Espíritu y Verdad te Bendiga no permitiendo que en tu vida se repita la historia del hijo pródigo sino que la bendición de Dios haga que en tí contemplemos la vida de Jacob en su huída a Harán.

Te vas lejos y dejas tras tí: una madre en su amor destrozado como por la mas impacable guerra, un padre que aveces piensa que hizo mal en en darte pues vives en él con un nudo en la garganta, dos abuelitos que te han amado y que quizá tus ojos no mirarán mas, dos hermanas que inocentemente (proporcionalmente) no alcanzan a medir lo que significa tu partida para tus padres, y unos tíos entre los cuales habrá quien tu partida les sea rotundamente insensible; y nada más, - pues nadie fué tu amigo, y mas bien hay quienes sonrían sardónicamente ante nuestra presencia de seres humillados, atribulados y compungidos por lo que te pasa.

A continuación te inserto nuestro decálogo: (el decálogo de tu padre que se le amarga la vida de tristeza en pensar en su hijo que se va, y de una madre que llorando a solas de dolor por las calles y avenidas llora aún de noche en su cama y al mencionar tu nombre, y mientras que la muerte no venga la herida le sangrará de día y de noche)

- 1.) Ama a Dios en Jesucristo y aborrece todo lo que ello se oponga.
- 2.) No olvides los consejos de los únicos que no te traicionan al amarte.
- 3.) Batalla contra los vicios que amable y amorosamente se te acercan: mujeres, licores, viciosa, juegos... etc.
- 4.) Cambia de clase de amigos y libros que a nuestras espaldas han minado los fundamentos que en tí pusimos en tus mocos días.
- 5.) Busca y practica las virtudes que te harán superarte para que si al un día vuelvas porre tus errores, honres a tus padres, a la patria a saber: fuera de la política, Y SOBRE TODO A DIOS.
- 6.) No malgastes tu tiempo en superfluidades: aprovecha lo que la de s gracia indulza con tu oportunidad de llegar a un emporio de luz.
- 7.) Ahorra tus tentavos, tu fuerza y tu tiempo, y tu vejez será floreciente.
- 8.) Evita las disputas, contiendas y enredos que tarde o temprano te destruyan.
- 9.) Lee continuamente el Nuevo Testamento y los Proverbios, y visita constantemente las capillas. *Ojala lea bien*
- 10.) Mendra diariamente en las expresiones: "Prudentes como serpientes, sencillos como palomas" - "No mires al vino (vicios,... etc.) cuando rojea (atrae o invita), entrase suavemente, mas al fin como serpiente morderá y como basilisco dará dolor."

El cumplimiento de este decálogo será tu redención, y las buenas noticias tuyas (si tienes la suerte de pasar) de cumplimiento detallado así como se venían a oír y mitigar nuestro dolor, y quitar el peso de nuestras miserables cicatrices producidas por el dolor.

Tus padres que por todo perdian pesad  
dolor, y mas el olvidado de Dios

Dijo a Dios decidas inte, que la bendición de Dios te acompañe.  
Decido si te es posible aun en tu camino -

Chiquimula  
August 1954

Gerson:

My sentiment as a father regarding his only son has been that you would remain with us for various reasons; but, if you must leave, for various reasons also, may my God, who is Spirit and Truth, Bless you, not permitting a repetition of the history of the prodigal son in your life, but may the Blessing of God allow us to see, in you, the life of Jacob in his flight to Haran.

You are going far away, and you leave behind you: a mother with her love crushed as if by the most terrible war, a father, who at times thinks that he did wrong in begetting you as you live within him with great pain, two grandparents who have loved you and whom perhaps your eyes will see no more, two sisters who innocently (proportionally) do not yet realize what your leaving means to your parents, and some aunts and uncles, among whom there are those to whom your leaving will be profoundly senseless and nothing more- but, no-one was your friend. There are those who will sardonically smile in our presence, as humiliated beings, grieved and repentant for what is happening to you.

In addition I insert our decalogue; a decalogue from a father whose life is saddened on thinking of his son who is leaving, and from a mother who weeps alone along the streets and walks, who also cries in bed at night and at the mention of your name, and, as long as death does not come the wound will bleed night and day:

1. Love God, in Jesus Christ, and abhor all that opposes this.
2. Don't forget the advice of the only ones who, loving you, do not betray you.
3. Struggle against all the vices that surround you in a friendly or loving manner: women, liquor, vagrancy, gambling etc.
4. Change the kind of friends and books that, behind our backs, have undermined the fundamentals that we instilled in you in your youth.
5. Look for and practice the virtues that will make you a better person so that if you return one day you may erase your mistakes; honor your parents, your country (but not in politics) and above all honor God.
6. Don't squander your time on superficialities; make use of that which softens or eases your misfortune, offering an opportunity to reach an emporium of light.
7. Save your money, your strength and your time, and your old age will be prosperous.

8. Avoid arguments, debates or entanglements which sooner or later will destroy you.

9. Read the New Testament and Proverbs continuously and go to church often. Heed this.

10. Meditate daily on the expressions: "Wise as serpents, meek as doves" "Don't be attracted by the reddening wine (vices, etc.), it enters smoothly, but in the end, like a serpent, it will bite and as a fragment of glass will cause you pain".

The fulfillment of this decalogue will be your redemption and the good news (if it comes to us) of its completion will be the balsam which will cure and mitigate our pain, and perhaps your happy return would miraculously remove the scars left by the cured ache.

Your parents, who could suffer anything with less pain than your forgetting God.

Since you have decided to leave, may the blessing of God accompany you. Write if it is possible even on the way.

Goodbye Gerson, my son!

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