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~~(S//NF)~~ 2  COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY OF JAMAICA (WPJ) LEADER, DR. TREVOR ((MUNROE)), SPOKE TO A GATHERING OF 23 WPJ MEMBERS DURING WHICH HE ADVISED OF HIS PLAN TO DISBAND THE WPJ EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1992. MUNROE TOLD THE GROUP THAT THE PLATFORM AND OBJECTIVES OF THE WPJ ARE NO LONGER RELEVANT GIVEN THE RECENT DRAMATIC CHANGES IN THE COMMUNIST WORLD. MUNROE NOTED THAT BECAUSE OF THE SHIFT AWAY FROM COMMUNISM, THE WPJ IS NO LONGER RECEIVING THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THAT IT RECEIVED IN THE PAST FROM COUNTRIES LIKE THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA.

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~~(S//NF)~~ 3. MUNROE SHARED WITH THE GROUP HIS INTENTION, ALONG WITH SIX OTHER UNIDENTIFIED JAMAICANS, TO CREATE A NEW POLITICAL PARTY. HE CLAIMED THAT THE NEW PARTY WOULD ENCOMPASS SOME OF THE VALUES OF THE WPJ AND THAT IT WOULD PROMOTE THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMON PEOPLE. ACCORDING TO MUNROE, THE NEW PARTY WILL BE EXTREMELY VOCAL ON THE PROBLEMS OF THE COMMON PEOPLE AND IT WILL ENDEAVOR TO PROMOTE TRAINING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE NEW PARTY WILL DEVOTE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE NEEDS OF WOMEN, YOUTH AND THE WORKERS. MUNROE EXPLAINED TO THE GROUP THAT HE WOULD ANNOUNCE HIS PLANS TO DISSOLVE THE WPJ TO THE MEDIA AT SOME FUTURE DATE. HE CONCLUDED THE MEETING WITH AN INVITATION TO ALL WPJ MEMBERS TO SUPPORT AND TO JOIN THE NEW PARTY. [REDACTED] COMMENT: MUNROE GAVE NO INDICATION OF WHEN HE PLANS TO MAKE HIS STATEMENT TO THE MEDIA. LIKEWISE, HE ALSO GAVE NO INFORMATION ON THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW PARTY OR THE NAME OF THE NEW PARTY.)

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~~(S//NF)~~ 5. ACCORDING TO A JAMAICAN POLITICAL OBSERVER, IN EARLY OCTOBER, DESPITE THE POSITIVE PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE FORMATION OF A THIRD POLITICAL PARTY AS EVIDENCED IN A RECENT CARL ((STONE)) POLL SHOWING 41 PERCENT IN FAVOR, A GROUP HEADED BY RONALD ((THWAITES)) OF THE JAMAICA BROADCAST CORPORATION (JBC) RADIO AND WPJ LEADER MUNROE TEMPORARILY DELAYED ACTION ON ESTABLISHING A THIRD PARTY. THE OBSERVER NOTED THAT BOTH THWAITES AND MUNROE WANT TO BE MORE CERTAIN OF THE PARTY'S SUCCESS BEFORE INITIATING ITS FORMATION; HOWEVER, THWAITES IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT ANY SUCH POLITICAL ACTION WILL JEOPARDIZE HIS STANDING WITH THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THWAITES IS A CHURCH DEACON AND WOULD BE REQUIRED TO RELINQUISH HIS STATUS IF HE BECAME POLITICALLY ACTIVE. THIS IS SOMETHING HE DOES NOT WISH TO DO, AT LEAST NOT PREMATURELY.)

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~~(S//NF)~~ 6. THE OBSERVER COMMENTED THAT BOTH THWAITES AND MUNROE BELIEVE THAT NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO LAUNCH A THIRD PARTY GIVEN THE WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW POLICY OF TOTAL DEREGULATION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE . THE TWO WERE HOPING TO SECURE THE SUPPORT OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AS MANY LOCAL BUSINESSPERSONS BELIEVED THAT THEIR NEEDS/INTERESTS WERE NOT BEING MET BY EITHER THE OPPOSITION JAMAICA LABOR PARTY (JLP) OR THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP).

~~(S//NF)~~ 7. THE OBSERVER EXPLAINED THAT IF AND WHEN THWAITES AND MUNROE DECIDE TO PROCEED WITH THEIR PLAN TO FORM A THIRD PARTY, MUNROE INTENDS TO DISBAND THE WPJ, PROCLAIMING THAT IT IS OUTDATED AND OBSOLETE IN MEETING THE POLITICAL CHALLENGES IN THE NEW WORLD ORDER.

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