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1. Copies of confidential memoranda sent by Servando Zuniga, Secretary General of Political Affairs of the Mexican Miners' Union, to General Rodolfo Sanchez Taboada, President of the National Executive Committee of the Partido Revolucionario Institucional (PRI), and to President Miguel Aleman were obtained by the Partido Comunista Mexicano (PCM), through an agent in the union. The name of the person who purloined the documents from the files of the Miners' Union is Carmen Herrera. Source stated that Carmen Herrera is used by Dionisio Encina, Secretary General of the PCM, to keep him informed of the official and secret acts of the Miners' Union. Source stated also that the PC has other persons of trust, as yet unidentified, in the headquarters of several unions, who submit reports on the activities and remarks of the union leaders, as well as documents of interest from the files of the union.

2. The memorandum sent to Sanchez Taboada follows:

"10 November 1948

The first time our comrades, the miners, participated in the Federal Chambers was during the regime of General Lazaro Cardenas, when the Union had eight Federal Deputies for the States of Nuevo Leon, Coahuila, Baja California, Sonora, Guanajuato, San Luis Potosi, Hidalgo, and Zacatecas. Later, during the administration of General Manuel Avila Camacho, the Union lost some positions, only six of our comrades (for the States of Hidalgo, Coahuila, Baja California, San Luis Potosi, Zacatecas, and Sonora) remaining as deputies to the Chamber. Later, in the campaign of Lic. Miguel Aleman, as already decided by our Executive Committee and the Party (PRI), at that time directed by Dr. Rafael P. Gamboa, some positions in the Chamber of Deputies were relinquished in exchange for a seat in the Senate; and the only ones who remained in the Federal Chambers of the Government of Lic. Miguel Aleman were the Deputies from Coahuila, Zacatecas, and Hidalgo, and as Senator from Nuevo Leon, Comrade Juan Manuel Elizondo. This is the first time that the Miners' Union has been represented in the Senate.

3. Concerning the approaching campaigns for Federal Deputies, in view of the high esteem that we believe your Party has with this organization, and without in any way trying to create difficulties and problems among our workers that would hurt our Union, we, the National Executive Committee, are requesting your Party to give us the positions that the Miners' Union

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had in the Federal Chambers at one time, since in fact we are within the Party collectively and individually. Our reasons for explaining which positions we desire are that we do not wish to engage in fruitless agitation and we wish to be ready to notify our union "locals" in order that they may choose as candidates comrades having the sympathy of the local and having in part the backing of the PRI. Therefore, we are requesting the following positions as Deputies:

For:

Zacatecas	Nuevo Leon	Hidalgo
Coahuila	Chihuahua	Sonora
San Luis Potosi	Baja California	

4. We hope that you will call us in order that these terms may be clarified since our Union has tried to assist the government in every possible way and respects completely the opinions of Lic. Miguel Aleman, President of the Republic. For this reason we believe that we have a right to greater participation in the Chambers, which we consider a guarantee both for our comrades and for the government so wisely directed by Lic. Miguel Aleman."
5. The memorandum addressed to President Aleman is very similar in content to the one quoted above. It makes the same request for legislative posts in return for collaboration with the PRI, but goes into greater detail regarding certain politicians in the various states, with specific references to persons known to Miguel Aleman.
6. Copies of the memorandum addressed to Sanchez Taboada were sent to President Aleman, Senator Carlos I. Serrano, General Teofilo R. Borunda, Secretary General of the PRI, and Deputy Eugenio Prado. Copies of the memorandum addressed to President Aleman were sent to General Rodolfo Sanchez Taboada, Senator Carlos I. Serrano, Adolfo Ruiz Cortinez, Minister of the Interior, and Raul Lopez Sanchez, Governor of Coahuila, who was commended in the memorandum for his cooperation with the Miners' Union.

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