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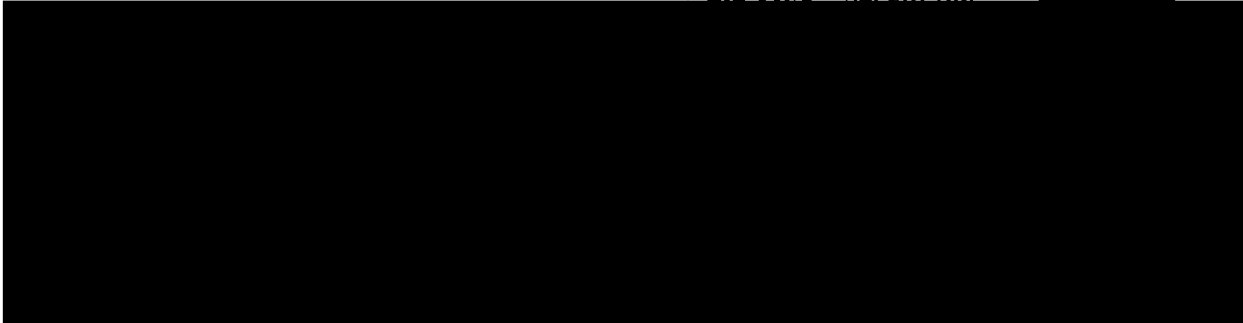
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1. It is expected that an extraordinary session of the Supreme National Council of the Communist Party of El Salvador will be called for the purpose of choosing a successor of Dr. Julio Fausto Fernandez as Secretary General. Fernandez was recently named Consul General of El Salvador in Uruguay.

25X1A 2. [REDACTED], Dr. Jose Antonio Diaz Zalaya, a prominent Communist, will most likely be named. Other possibilities are Dr. Rodolfo Jimenez Barrios, Dr. Ricardo Jimenez Castillo, Dr. Thony Vessiliu Hidalgo and Joaquin Hernandez Callejas.

3. Jimenez Barrios and Jimenez Castillo are considered the most capable, but it is thought that they deviate from the Marxist line, both for their own personal interests and in consideration of local political issues.

4. Antonio Diaz on the other hand is rated as a practical Marxist who has fought the others at times to maintain the international political line, and he is therefore regarded as the safest candidate for the Secretary Generalship. Antonio Diaz acted both as a member of the Central Committee and, during 1948, as Secretary of Culture. He taught dialectical materialism at the Liceo 14 de Abril.

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