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1. At two meetings held on 10 and 11 February 1949 at the house of Bernardo Antonio Reyes in San Salvador, a political "front" favorable to the Army was organized with a possible view to formation of a political party at a later date.

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2. The following persons attended these meetings:

- Dr. Bernardo Antonio Reyes
- Dr. Emilio Gamo Prieto
- Dr. Abdon Martinez
- Dr. Carlos F. Reyes
- Dr. Arturo Acevedo, Jr.
- Dr. Jorge A. Carranza Amaya
- Dr. Julio Fausto Fernandez
- Dr. Bernardino Cuellar Quintanilla
- Dr. Jose Ignacio Paniagua
- Ricardo Gamero
- Guillermo Flores Pino
- Dr. Francisco Enrique Nuila Villalta
- Dr. Roberto Masferrer

- Julio Cesar Escobar
- Horacio Larios Fuentes
- Dr. Pedro Atilio Bonilla
- Dr. Jose Erasmo Pecheco
- Joaquin Melendez
- Miguel A. Gonzalez
- Gustavo Acevedo
- Dr. Jose Parada Montoya
- Dr. Jose Maria Fiallos
- Ismael Zaldana
- Dr. Pedro Jose Rosales
- Dr. Alfonso Fagoaga

The instigators of the movement were Cuellar Quintanilla, Reyes and Julio Fausto Fernandez.

3. A council of five were appointed, with the following specific duties:

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| Finances | Masferrer |
| Propaganda | Cuellar |
| Intelligence | Gamero |
| Policy | Fernandez and Rosales |

4. Dues were set at \$10.00 monthly and were collected from all members present.

5. Fernandez then brought up the matter of the nature of the proposed political party, whose Chief would be Jose Arturo Castellanos

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6. Several members of the "front" argued strongly that the struggle against the cabinet should not await the organization of the party and that a strong attack should be prepared against Dr. Carlos Llerena, Rector of the University, Felix Olivella, civilian financier of the revolution, and Dr. Miguel Rafael Urquia, Minister of Foreign Relations. It was suggested that since all these persons are of foreign birth (Llerena is a Guatemalan, Olivella a Spaniard, Urquia a Honduran), they should be attacked as unfit to hold office or to interfere in any way in the politics of El Salvador.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. It is not known what, if any, connection the above-mentioned party may have with the coalition of two parties to favor Major Osorio which is described in ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. On 22 February, Julio Fausto Fernandez departed El Salvador for Montevideo, Uruguay, via San Jose, Costa Rica, on TACA flight #203. His appointment as Consul General of El Salvador was confirmed in the Diario Oficial. Through government friends Fernandez had tried to decline the appointment since 2 February when he was first nominated, because, as he told a friend, he felt called upon to continue the Salvadoran fight against what he termed "La Vaca del Hipotecario", a group of power-hungry businessmen. He stated that he had offered his cooperation to the Osorio government, and the Consul Generalship in Uruguay was the task they had given him.

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