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COUNTRY El Salvador

DATE DISTR. 12 May 1949

SUBJECT Communist Participation in Railroad Strike

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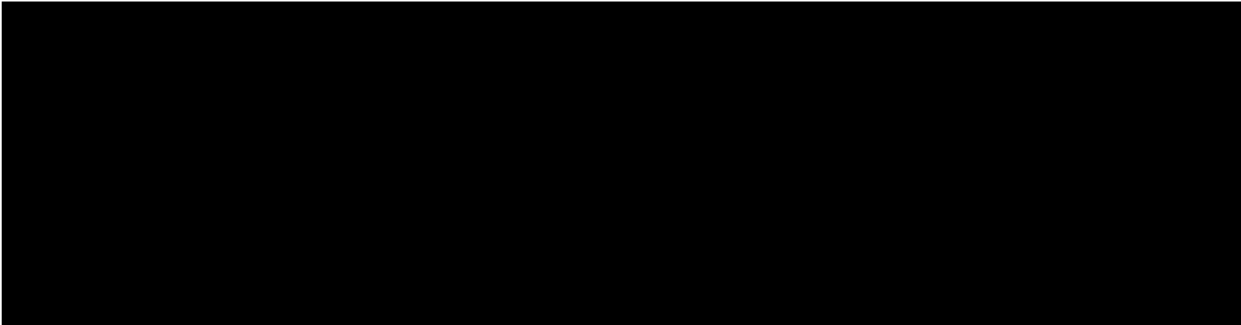
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1. Source reports that Communist elements in El Salvador have been active in the railroad strike which has been in progress since 1 May 1949. The following known Communists have been participants: Tulio Peyes and Gilberto Lara, who have acted as liaison agents between the Union de Trabajadores Ferrocarrileros (UTF) and the Comite de Reorganizacion Obrera (CRO); and Samuel Ramirez, who has been attempting to rally teachers and newsmen to support the strike.
2. The activities of the Communists in this strike have not been decisive, but they along with the supporters of Osmin Aguirre have been capitalizing on every opportunity to discredit the present government and further their own ends.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The Salvadoran government declared the railroad strike illegal on 7 May 1949. Thus far there has been no attempt to enforce this decision, and the strike continues. There have also been many rumors that the transportation and electrical workers would join the UTF in a general strike, but these rumors are unsubstantiated.

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