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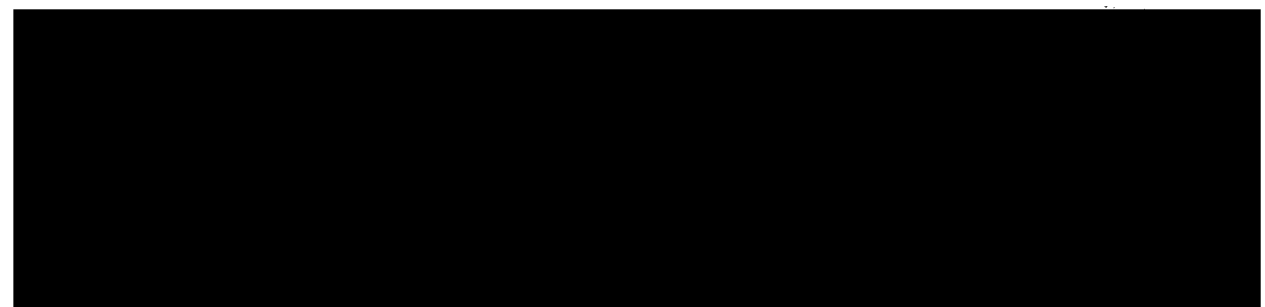
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25X1A 1. Translated below is a portion of a letter, dated [redacted], at Mexico City, from Rodolfo Guzman, addressed to the Political Commission of the Costa Rican Vanguardia Popular, which shows the progress being made in the current negotiations between the Vanguardia and the Calderonista Party to effect a working agreement for the coming elections.

Esteemed friends:

I receive the three copies of the pamphlet Union Democratica Nacional. I delivered one to P. (Francisco Calderon Guardia). At his home, and in my presence, his brother (Rafael A. Calderon Guardia) also read the pamphlet.* I took this opportunity to return to the subject of the organization of his party (Calderonista), and while he was not abandoned all of his pessimism, he was in agreement. Now we are simply observing him for his reaction. It is not possible to explain in what form he will act, but the project is progressing. Of course Paco is in absolute agreement with the program, only that it will have to be edited in such a manner that it will be accepted and, of course, without making any fundamental concessions. One must take into consideration the mentality of his brother (Rafael Angel) even though he was in agreement with the points of view expressed by you people (Political Commission) in the material I have received.

Let me know if you have received a copy of the Noticiero and other materials.

2. In a postscript, Guzman makes reference to the meeting of the General Council of the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) in Berlin:

P.S. It is reported that there will be a meeting of the General Council of the WFTU in Berlin on 15 November 1951. This meeting should be attended by an appointed member of the same. But here in Mexico I have proposed that Mendez (Jose Mendez, pseudonym for Gonzalo Sierra Cantillo, Syndicate Secretary of the Political Commission of Vanguardia Popular) attend in my place, since he is my substitute for this Council, and they have agreed here to that solution.

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I might possibly attend with him, but this depends upon whether the FBI will pay both fares and expenses. But whether I go or not, it is certain that Mendez is to go. I believe that it is more effective for Mendez to attend, since he will have the experience and he is returning to Costa Rica (whereas Guzman is not). I want to make it clear that Mendez must go, and no other, because he is a registered substitute. I will write in more detail later.

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Comment. The Calderonista paper, La Tribuna, of 13 August came out with a vehement attack against the Communist pamphlet, Union Democratica Nacional, which may be an indication that the Calderonista leaders in San Jose have not as yet "received the word" or it may be they have decided on a tactic of counterfeigning for the time being.

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