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1. It has been reported that late in October 1951 a small group of Chilean Communist who have had the task of attempting to penetrate the Chilean armed forces met clandestinely at the home of Temistocles Uribe Perez in San Bernardo, Chile, to discuss the progress of the penetration movement. An attempt at penetration of the armed forces has been a major task of the Chilean Communist Party for some time. While there appear to be a few isolated instances of success, the movement has thus far been considered a failure.

2. The following Communists attended the October meeting:

Guillermo Verdejo Gonzalez

Reported leader of the penetration activities. He was a member of the Chilean Army in 1942-1943.

Americo Zorilla Rojas

Communist Party Central Committee leader and ex-director of now defunct Chilean Communist newspaper El Siglo. He was twice relegated for Communist activities, the latest time being in November 1949.

Juan Garrido Lopez

Reported on 1 February 1951 as being instrumental in the organization of Communist cells in Chilean armed for

Jose Soto Meneses

Communist member of "Tacna" Army reg

Enrique Jofre Fuenzalida

Communist member of "Tacna" Army reg

3. It is reported that plans were made at this meeting for a similar meeting to be held on 17 November 1951 at the home of one Manuel Tamayo in Paine. The November meeting was expected to be wider in scope and to have other leaders of the penetration movement in attendance.

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