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1. The anti-Communist propaganda campaign has intensified since 15 October 1951. The method employed has been to post handbills with various anti-Communist slogans in all the most frequented places, such as Sixth Avenue in Guatemala City, which has been plastered from one end to the other. The same method is being used throughout the other sections of the city.
2. The leaders of the anti-Communist group, Partido Unificacion Anti-Comunista (PUA), stated that they knew their movement was being branded as subversive by the Guatemalan authorities. They added that they knew also that the government was taking advantage of the pretended subversiveness of their group to destroy them, and for that reason the PUA intended to fight to the finish and to continue to demand that the government rid the country of Communism.
3. It has been said that Dr. Juan Jose Arevalo Bermudez has taken upon himself the duty of organizing the Communist Party to include such political groups as the Frente Popular Libertador (FPL), the Partido Accion Revolucionaria (PAR), the Partido Integracion Nacional (PIN), the Partido Renovacion Nacional (PRN), the Partido Socialista, and now the Confederacion General de Trabajadores de Guatemala (CGTG). In accordance with instructions received, the party will support President Arbenz and at the same time do all possible to bring former President Juan Jose Arevalo back into power.
4. PUA leaders said also that they were aware that the political parties were going to attempt to infiltrate the anti-Communist ranks in order to sabotage the movement. At the present time these Communist attempts to infiltrate their movement are causing the greatest concern to the anti-Communist leaders.

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