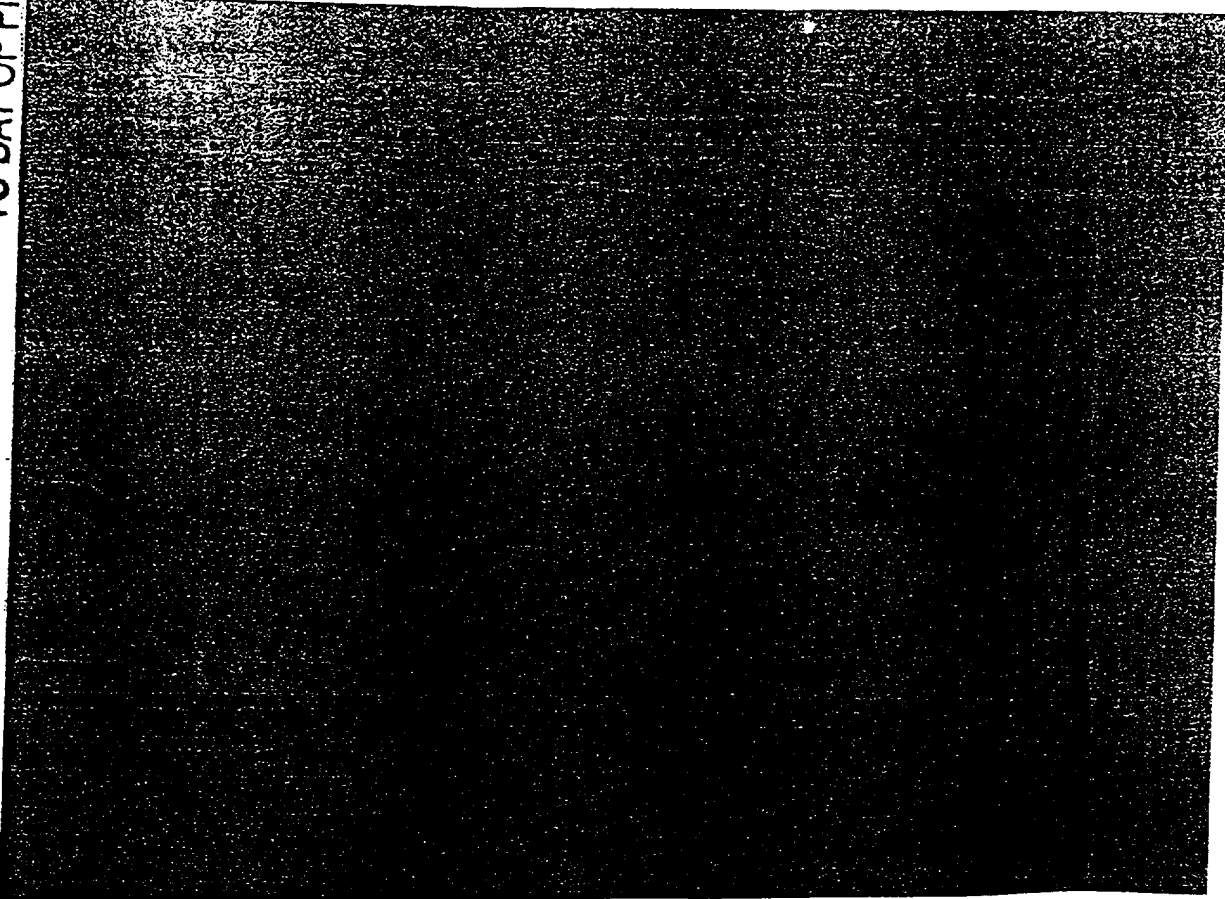


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16. Castro Appeals to Latin American Communists for Support:  
Fidel Castro's 26th of July Movement has asked Communists in Honduras to mount a campaign there in support of his 2 September "Havana Declaration" repudiating the Organization of American States and condemning US "imperialism and intervention" in Latin America. According to the usually reliable source of this report, similar requests will be sent to Communists in other Latin American countries by Gerardo Figueras, foreign relations secretary of the 26th of July Movement.

Figueras asked the Hondurans to demand that their government submit to the Honduran people the San Jose Declaration of Latin American foreign ministers which condemned Soviet interference in the western hemisphere. He also suggested public meetings throughout the country to repudiate the San Jose Declaration and to mobilize public opinion. He

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recommended giving wide circulation to copies of the Havana Declaration and collecting signed statements of support for it from labor unions, peasants, students, and politicians.

Castro has frequently challenged other Latin American governments to submit their policy decisions to a so-called popular forum, as he claims to do. His followers have already been fairly successful in using the relatively weak Honduran Communist party to create unrest in that country. The Cubans may have started the Latin American campaign there in hopes of exploiting the current desire--strongly expressed by many Hondurans and their government--for US acknowledgment of Honduran sovereignty over the Swan Islands.

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