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COUNTRY PANAMA REPORT NO. TDCS 3/568,831

SUBJECT COMMUNIST DISCUSSIONS WITH ARNULFO ARIAS:  
COMMUNIST PLANS TO CALL PARTY PLENUM TO  
FIX ITS STRATEGY FOR THE MAY 1964 NATIONAL  
ELECTIONS DATE DISTR. 30 DECEMBER 1963

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THE PARTIDO DEL PUEBLO (PDP, PEOPLE'S PARTY - COMMUNIST), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RECENTLY ISSUED A FLYSHEET, OSTENSIBLY SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT. THE FLYSHEET ATTACKED THE GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION POLITICAL ALLIANCES FOR FAILURE TO CORRECT THE GRAVE PROBLEMS OF THE COUNTRY AND THEIR INABILITY TO ACHIEVE UNDISPUTED SOVEREIGNTY OVER ALL NATIONAL TERRITORY. IT ACCUSED THOSE ALLIANCES OF BEING CONCERNED ONLY WITH RETAINING POLITICAL CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY FOR MATERIAL BENEFIT. IT CALLED ON ALL INDEPENDENT POLITICAL GROUPS (INCLUDING THE PANAMENISTA PARTY, THE

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SOCIALIST PARTY, THE REFORMIST PARTY, THE RADICAL ACTION PARTY, AND THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY) FOR UNITED POLITICAL ACTION TO ATTAIN POPULAR SUPPORT IN DEFEATING THE GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION ALLIANCES AT THE POLLS. THE FLYSHEET WAS SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, WHO ARE COVERT MEMBERS AND SYMPATHIZERS OF THE PDP: RODRIGO MOLINA A., LAWYER; RAUL RODRIGUEZ P., ARCHITECT; GUILLERMO ROLLA P., MEDICAL DOCTOR.

2. [REDACTED] THE FLYSHEET [REDACTED] FAVORABLY IMPRESSED ARNULFO ARIAS MADRID, LEADER OF THE PANAMENISTA PARTY, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ARIAS [REDACTED] LEARNED OF PLANS TO IMPEDE HIS ELECTION; HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT INTEND TO STAND IDLY BY AND BE ROBBED OF THE PRESIDENCY.

3. [REDACTED] MEMBERS OF THE PDP NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CEN) FEEL THAT INDEPENDENT POLITICAL GROUPS MUST UNITE BEHIND SPECIFIC ANTI-OLIGARCHIC CANDIDATES. TO THAT END, CEN MEMBERS ARE HOLDING PROMISING CONVERSATIONS WITH INDEPENDENT POLITICAL LEADERS. AS A RESULT OF THESE EFFORTS, AND TO FIX THE PDP ELECTORAL LINE, CEN MEMBERS HAVE CALLED THE TENTH PLENARY MEETING OF THE PDP CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR 28 DECEMBER 63 IN PANAMA CITY.

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4. [REDACTED]

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PROMISING. [REDACTED] IT IS APPARENT THAT ARIAS HAS UNDERGONE A POLITICAL CHANGE AND HAS ADVANCED IN HIS THINKING. [REDACTED]

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EVENT, THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE WILL DETERMINE THE COURSE OF PANAMANIAN HISTORY; AND IF THEY SELECT COMMUNISM, IT WILL BE A NATIONAL COMMUNISM. ARIAS [REDACTED] IS NOT A COMMUNIST; HOWEVER, FIDEL CASTRO [REDACTED] CLARIFIED FOR HIM MANY MATTERS CONCERNING PANAMA. ARIAS [REDACTED] DID NOT APPROVE OF MANY POINTS OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION, PARTICULARLY ITS SUBORDINATION TO MOSCOW; NEVERTHELESS, THE CUBAN REVOLUTION [REDACTED] ENLIGHTENED HIM ON MANY MATTERS CONCERNING HIS OWN COUNTRY, PANAMA.

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5. [REDACTED] SUCH CHANGED REASONING BY ARIAS HAS CONVINCED CEN MEMBERS THAT THE PDP CAN MOLD ARIAS' THINKING. WHEN ARIAS, AS A REACTIONARY, LEARNS THAT THE PDP IS LEADING THE ANTI-OLIGARCHIC FIGHT, HE WILL TRY TO IGNORE THE MATTER. WHEN HE BECOMES PRESIDENT, HOWEVER, THE PDP WILL PRESENT TWO BASIC POPULAR POLICIES FOR HIS GOVERNMENT. ONE OF THESE WILL BE A PLEDGE NOT TO COME TO ANY AGREEMENT WITH THE

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OLIGARCHY, AND THE SECOND WILL BE FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE PERPETUITY CLAUSE IN THE PANAMA-UNITED STATES TREATY CONCERNING THE PANAMA CANAL. ARIAS' FOLLOWING OF SUCH POLICIES WILL SERVE TO UNMASK THE IMPERIALIST CHARACTER OF THE UNITED STATES; AND THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE WILL SUPPORT THE OBJECTIVES AS LONG-STANDING ASPIRATIONS.

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6. [REDACTED] ARIAS TOLD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT THERE WILL BE A REVOLUTION IN PANAMA THREE MONTHS AFTER THE ELECTIONS IF HIS OPPONENTS TRY TO IMPEDE HIS ASSUMPTION OF THE PRESIDENCY.

7. [REDACTED] DISSEM STATE, ARMY, NAVY, AIR, PANCANAL, CINCLANT, CINCSO. 1.5(e)  
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