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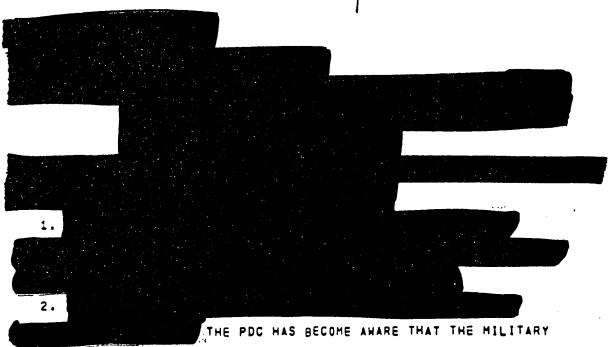
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IS PLANNING TO INITIATE SIMULATED ATTACKS ON MILITARY BASES

AND/OR PERSONNEL SO THA: IT CAN BEGIN A NEW CAMPAIGN OF ARRESTS

AND EXECUTIONS OF LEFTISTS AND PDC MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY LAGOR

LEADERS. THE PDC BELIEVES THAT THE STAGE HAS ALREADY BEEN SET

FOR THE AUTO-ATTACKS BECAUSE IN RECENT WEEKS, MILITARY LEADERS

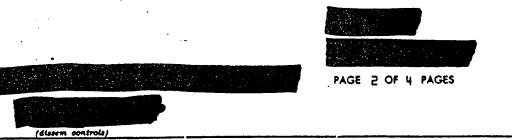
HAVE BEEN MAKING PUBLIC REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT

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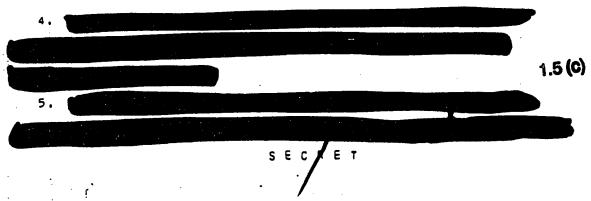


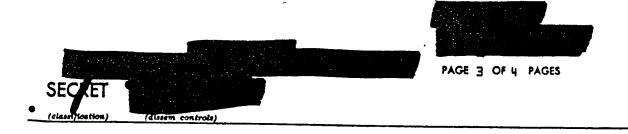
HAD EVIDENCE THAT EXTREMIST GROUPS HERE PLANNING TO ATTACK.
MILITARY POSTS AND PATROLS.

THE PARTY IS CERTAIN OF THE ACCURACY OF ITS INFORMATION, AND THAT AS A RESULT, FORMER PRESIDENT EDUARDO F R E I IS PREPARED TO SEEK ASYLUM IN A EUROPEAN EMBASSY ON A MOMENT'S NOTICE. IF HE DOES SO, HE WILL PUBLICALLY STATE THAT HE HAS FORCED TO OUT OF FEAR FOR HIS LIFE AND IN DISAGREEMENT WITH THE ECONOMIC POLICIES OF THE JUNTA GOVERNMENT AND THE LATTER'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT PDC GUIDANCE.

COMMENT: ORDERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO PROVIDE FREI WITH 24-HOUR PROTECTION, INCLUDING MONITORING HIS ACTIVITIES AND

24-HOUR PHOTECTION, INCLUDING MONITORING HIS ACTIVITIES AND NOT ALLOWING HIM TO SEEK ASYLUM IN ANY EMBASSY. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT LOWER LEVEL ARMY OFFICERS ARE BITTER OVER THE FACT THAT MANY LEFT STS AND EXTREMISTS ARE FREE, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE MILITARY IS PLANNING SUCH A CAMPAIGN.)





RECENTLY INFORMED THE JUNTA OF FREI'S DECISION TO SEEK ASYLUM IF PDC LEADERS ARE ARRESTED. ON RECEIPT OF THIS INFORMATION, THE JUNTA DECIDED TO TRY TO ASSUAGE FREI, BUT WITHOUT MODIFYING THE GOVERNMENT'S BASIC POSITION OF DETAINING ANY POLITICAL FIGURE WHO VIOLATES THE DECREE ON THE RECESS OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

FREI'S THREAT AS

FOOLISHNESS.

IF FREI SEEKS ASYLUM, HE WILL

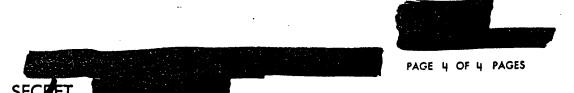
BE GIVEN SAFE-CONDUCT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY IMEDIATELY.

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THE STRATEGY OF THE PDC DURING THE COMING MONTHS SHOULD BE ONE OF NOT RESPONDING TO ANY PROVOCATIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

INSTEAD, FREI BELIEVES THAT THE PDC SHOULD DIRECT ITS ENERGIES AT REORGANIZATION AND A CHANGE IN ITS STANCE OF PREDOMINANTLY NEGATIVE CRITICISM OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMS. FREI BELIEVES

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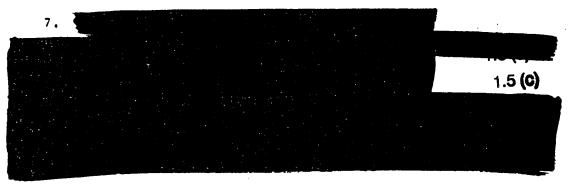
THE PDC. ESPECIALLY THROUGH ITS TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT AND THE

OTHER PARTY DEPARTMENTS WITH EXPERTISE IN PARTICULAR AREAS

SHOULD MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO FORMULATE SPECIFIC. ALTERNATE

PROGRAMS THAT CAN BE OFFERED TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR CONSIDERATIO

OF FREI TO SEEK ASYLUM. IN THE EVENT OF A MAJOR CAMPAIGN OF ARRESTS OF PDS FIGURES, HOWEVER, HIS SEEKING ASYLUM WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING.)



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