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COMMENT: THE FULL NAME OF THE 13 NOVEMBER GROUP IS "ALEJANDRO DE LEON 13 DE NOVIEMBRE."

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ALEJANDRO DE LEON ARAGON WAS A FORMER FIRST LIEUTENANT IN THE GUATEMALAN ARMY AND AN INSTRUCTOR OF ESCUELA POLITECNICA CADETS WHO JOINED THE MOVEMENT AT ITS OUTSET. AFTER HIS DEATH THE MOVEMENT INCORPORATED HIS NAME IN THE TITLE ON HIS HONOR.

1. THE 13 NOVEMBER GUERRILLA MOVEMENT, FORMED BY MARCO ANTONIO YON SOSA, RENE ARTURO SARTI MORALES, LUARCA (FNU), RODRIGUEZ (FNU), LUIS AUGUSTO TURCIOS LIMA, LUIS TREJO ESQUIVEL, RODOLFO EDUARDO CHAGON ESTRADA, JORGE BERNAL HERNANDEZ CASTELLON, AND EMILIO EVA ZAIDIVAR, WAS MOTIVATED BY THE PUREST NATIONALISM AND A DESIRE TO BUILD A NEW GUATEMALA. THE INTRUSION

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OF COMMUNISM INTO THE MOVEMENT AND THE PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS OF THE PARTIDO GUATEMALTECO DEL TRABAJO (PGT - COMMUNIST PARTY OF GUATEMALA), AS WELL AS THE SUBVERSION OF SOME OF THOSE OFFICERS MENTIONED ABOVE, BETRAYED THE IDEALS OF THE 13 NOVEMBER MOVEMENT. THE INITIAL PLAN OF THE MOVEMENT WAS TO ACTIVATE THREE GUERRILLA GROUPS IN RURAL AREAS AND A FOURTH IN THE DEPARTMENT OF GUATEMALA. TREJO AND HERNANDEZ WERE TO LEAD THE ZACAPA GROUP; TURCIOS, THE SAN MARCOS GROUP; YON SOSA, THE IZABAL GROUP; AND THE URBAN GROUP WAS TO BE LED BY ZALDIVAR, RONALDO PAZOS ROSSAL, AND CHACON. COMMENT: ZALDIVAR, AS OF THE END OF AUGUST 1963, WAS UNDER PENALTY OF DEATH AFTER HIS CAPTURE IN GUATEMALA CITY AND COURT MARTIAL IN THE ZACAPA MILITARY ZONE. HIS APPEAL FROM THE SENTENCE OF DEATH WAS ACCEPTED ON 26 AUGUST, AND FURTHER HEARINGS WILL BE HELD.) THE FIRST GROUP TO VENTURE FORTH WAS THE IZABAL, THE SECOND WAS THE ZACAPA. THE SAN MARCOS GROUP NEVER GOT STARTED BECAUSE OF TERRAIN AND SUPPLY PROBLEMS, AND ALSO BECAUSE OF COMMUNIST INFLUENCE.

COMMENT: "ADELA" IDENTIFIES THIS PORTION OF THE 13 NOVEMBER GROUP, AND COMES FROM THE FIRST LETTERS IN THE NAME OF ALEJANDRO DE LEON ARAGON. TURCIOS AND TREJO AND THEIR GROUPS ARE NOT PART OF "ADELA".)

2. THE 13 NOVEMBER MOVEMENT WAS TO BE CONTROLLED FROM GUATEMALA CITY BY A CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THOSE FORCES IN OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT YDIGORAS, BUT, AS IT WORKED OUT, THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WERE COMMUNISTS: BERNARDO ALVARADO MONZON, MARIO SILVA

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JONAMA, JOAQUIN NOVAL, CARLOS ESTRADA, AND RICARDO RAMIREZ DE LEON. GRADUALLY TURCIOS AND TREJO FELL UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE PGT, BUT YON SOSA, ZALDIVAR, AND HERNANDEZ REMAINED NON-COMMUNIST. THROUGH THE DIRECT INFLUENCE OF TREJO, ONE ANTONIO ACOSTA (BELIEVED TO BE A PSEUDONYM) WAS SENT TO JOIN THE GUERRILLAS TO FORCE THE RESIGNATION OF YON SOSA AS GUERRILLA CHIEF. THE GROUP REFUSED TO ACCEPT YON'S RESIGNATION.

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3. ALTHOUGH THE MEMBERS OF THE PGT KNEW THAT YON WAS NOT ONE OF THEM, AND THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT HE EVER WOULD BE, THEY WERE FORCED TO WORK WITH HIM, AS HE WAS (AND IS) THE CENTRAL FIGURE OF THE 13 NOVEMBER MOVEMENT AND COULD NOT BE DISPLACED WITHOUT RUINING THE ENTIRE MOVEMENT. ADDITIONALLY, YON HAD BEEN IN CUBA AND WAS REGARDED WELL BY THE FIDEL CASTRO REGIME. [REDACTED] COMMENT: YON SOSA, TURCIOS, AND TREJO WERE ALL IN CUBA TOGETHER, RETURNING TO GUATEMALA FROM THERE IN NOVEMBER 1962. WITH THEM THEY BROUGHT 20,000 DOLLARS FROM THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT AND A PROMISE OF 30,000 MORE, WHICH THEY LATER RECEIVED.)

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4. AS OF THE BEGINNING OF JUNE 1963, THE LAST FIRST-HAND INFORMATION KNOWN, 22,000 DOLLARS' WORTH OF ARMS WERE AWAITED FROM MEXICO FOR THE GUERRILLAS. ALSO AS OF THE SAME DATE, TURCIOS' TOTAL WEAPONRY CONSISTED OF 10 M-1 CARBINES AND 10 SUB-MACHINE-GUNS. YON SOSA HAS 32 MEN STILL WITH HIM IN IZABAL, WITH A FEW SPRINGFIELDS AND THOMPSONS. THE COMMUNISTS, THROUGH TURCIOS, ARE STILL TRYING TO RECRUIT FORMER MILITARY POLICE FOR THE MOVEMENT BECAUSE THEY ARE CONSIDERED AS WELL TRAINED IN GUERRILLA-TYPE

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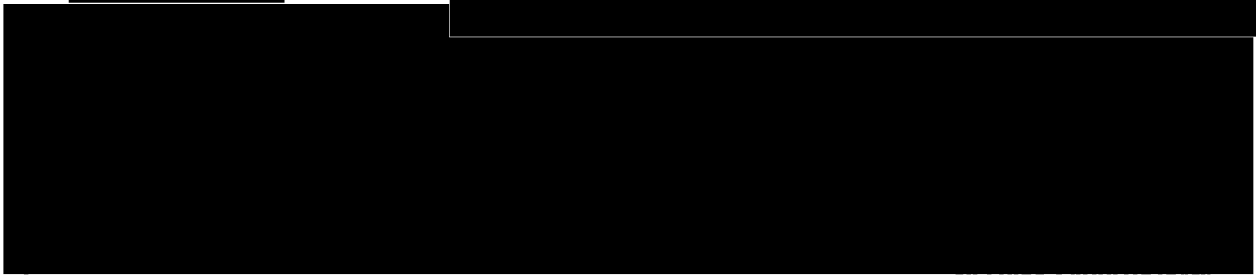
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