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[REDACTED] COMMUNIST TRAINING OF [REDACTED]  
ACTION BRIGADES

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1.



THE COMMUNIST PARTY BEGAN THE ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING OF ACTION BRIGADES DURING THE WEEK OF 13 JANUARY. THE PURPOSE OF THESE BRIGADES IS TO CREATE A FORCE CAPABLE OF MORE EFFECTIVE ACTION

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2. THE COMMUNIST BRIGADES ARE, SO FAR, CONFINED TO PANAMA CITY, AND ARE BEING ORGANIZED IN BASIC CELLS OF FIVE OR SIX MEMBERS. THEY ARE UNDERGOING SECRET TRAINING IN THE USE OF WEAPONS AND SABOTAGE, PARTICULARLY ARSON. THESE TRAINING UNITS DO NOT YET

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HAVE WEAPONS OR INCENDIARY DEVICES, AND THEIR TRAINING IS BEING CONDUCTED WITH "MOCK-UPS". TRAINING IN SABOTAGE IS DIRECTED TOWARDS IMPROVING THE BRIGADES' CAPACITY IN MANUFACTURING AND USING INCENDIARY DEVICES; HOWEVER, TRAINING DEVICES, RATHER THAN REAL MATERIALS, ARE BEING USED.

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3. ( [REDACTED] ) COMMENT:



THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND TRAINING OF ACTION BRIGADES MAY EXPLAIN THE UNUSUAL AND SUDDEN CESSATION OF COMMUNIST AGITATION EFFORTS FOLLOWING THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED RALLY AT SANTA ANA PLAZA ON 17 JANUARY '64).

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