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My dear Colonel ( CALLIGERIS ):

I have wanted to write to you for some time but recent events -- added to my former obligations -- have occupied all my time; but fortunately I am now emerging from all this. The bearer (of this letter) will inform you of purely personal matters, unforeseen events, which, however, far from diminishing the interest and enthusiasm in our common affairs, are added incentives to continue forward until we reach the desired goal.

In regard to the campaign and to the tasks of my workers, everything has been carried out in the best manner, the last assignment being the painting of the 32 which has caught on like fire throughout the Republic: even little children go along with 32 on their backs and on their bicycles and they paint it where ever they go as a challenge to the police who, powerless to pursue and capture criminals, have devoted themselves to capturing those who paint 32. This propaganda has worried them and they concern themselves with it because they consider it a portent; they immediately threw the blame on CEUA and they connect it with them. Up until this date, they have not been able to discover absolutely anything among the prisoners they have captured. Even little boys have conducted themselves as TRUE ANTI-COMMUNISTS; if God does not command otherwise, I shall continue on until the end.

We have had to augment the production of El Rebelde in reponse to the demand which the interior of the Republic has made for it. No. 16 has already been increased to 8000 and I doubt that this will be sufficient since in the capital the acceptance and consequently the demand is now enormous-- which was a little known fact; it seems that the thermometer is going up or perhaps has arrived at the top. That which has been most acceptable is the slightly religious tint which we have given it and I believe that it is necessary at this point to avail ourselves a little of Religion, whereupon we have presumed upon the proper authorization for this. We have encountered some obstacles on the part of the police but we have surmounted them; that which we do indeed desire is that when the latter jump to a decision to imprison us, it shall be with glory for us and because something has been published which wounded them; for this we only wait for the appropriate order.

The people became very enthusiastic immediately after the circulation of your manifesto and it is indeed gratifying that in distant places, as I myself have been able to determine, the peasants, on being asked if they were disposed to fight, answered with all sincerity "yes, when my Colonel CASTILLO orders it. . ."; therefore it may be said that the people expect him and have faith in him whom they have chosen freely as their liberator.

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With regard to the 32 campaign, it is only proper that you have knowledge of the worthy task undertaken by the different groups of the CEUA and especially by the Anti-Communist Youth Alliance which at the risk of imprisonment painted the now famous number on the Presidential House and Palace itself.

For purely personal matters I am faced with the urgent necessity of being absent from Guatemala, and in Mexico, for some 10 days. My preoccupation in this matter is great because of the uncertainty of the events which might take place in my absence and for which I could never forgive myself -- events which would be the punishment for leaving CEUA leaderless for some days; however, before departing -- if I do depart -- I will leave everything arranged so that nothing will be disturbed and everything will continue as it has until today.

RAMIRO will explain to you that which is necessary in regards to our campaign. Of all the boys, he, in belonging to our cause, has known how to render services of great import, principally in the intelligence field.

Meanwhile I take pleasure in receiving your news, I await your estimable orders, and I am as always disposed even to sacrifices for the symbols of our fight: GOD -- PATRIA -- LIBERTY.

Your servant and friend,

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P.S. I beg of you a handshake with all the boys in my name.

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Tasks developed by the Secretary General of the CEUA

Secretary for Juridical Matters

Agrarian Branch:

The small farmers affected by the partisan application of the Agrarian Reform have been defended; this defense having succeeded, the majority of the attempts were ineffectual.

Penal Branch:

Every kind of aid has been rendered to the affiliated members in those cases where they have been imprisoned for agrarian or political reasons, succeeding in obtaining liberty for those detained when this has been possible. Especially in the recent case of the "32" event, it has defended the imprisoned and has paid the fines.

Worker's Branch:

It has rendered technical assistance to the affiliates, especially to older workers on the national fincas, and in some cases has succeeded in obtaining an appropriate indemnity.

Secretary of the Filials

Recently filials have been established in the eastern zone of the Republic, particularly in places wherein by reasons of the ideology of the inhabitants it had been impossible to establish committees; such is the case of Puerto Barrios where, in the beginning, the workers were affiliated with the official parties. We can now count on a committee of the staunchest people in the Republic as we can in all those places where the Banana Company has a concentration of workers.

When the scarceness of funds has made it possible, nearby filials have been visited as well as those others which have solicited it. Constant communication has been maintained with the filials of the interior by means of circular letters in which they have been instructed to continue in the fight and to work zealously in behalf of the cause. The newspaper, El Rebelde, has been sent to them weekly, in a number proportionate to the importance of the filial or to the municipality; this Secretary has been asked to augment

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the printing by 2000 copies more in order to cover the demand, for the 6000 printed in the beginning turned out to be insufficient.

Perfect control is exercised over these filials, they being more disposed to work when the Committee thus orders.

#### Secretary for Propaganda

He has directed that all kinds of manifestos be printed which the people have ordered; he has maintained the radio hour recently suspended for a few days as the result of an attack; wedges have been made among the radio news commentators; and recently, acting on a recommendation received through ESSENCE, the painting of the "32" has been organized -- this event being carried out in the capital in one night only and in the interior of the Republic on the following days, according to reports which have been received. The press campaign in this affair, although somewhat disorganized, has contributed to the people voluntarily painting "32" in front of their own homes. The recent campaign (SUMMIT), especially, has emerged in the newspapers as the principal news of the day.

(CALLIGERIS') personality has been made known widely with the surety of its having been widely accepted with sympathy and as the only hope for national salvation. There have been occasions on which the peasants have already acclaimed CALLIGERIS as leader, according to reports.

The Boletin del CEUAGE and the propaganda which we have received has been regularly distributed. 50,000 Pastoral Letters have been ordered to be printed through CEUAG, with the contribution of the public, and they have been profusely distributed throughout the country.

#### Miscellaneous Matters

Reports of great importance have been dispatched regularly through feasible channels without having the security that they would arrive at their destination, no news to this effect having been received. The indoctrination continues with excellent success; the request for affiliates cards is greater every day and two known persons are placed in charge of the new filials to avoid infiltrations.

Daily propaganda is pasted on the walls; there are two fellows charged with this task.

Bulletins are daily given to the press in connection with the campaign. Many of them, as in the case of the principal announcement, appeared later in the independent newspapers.

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More contact and more direct contact is necessary between the CEUA and (CALLIGERIS).

The budget should be handed over at the beginning of the month in order to satisfy the needs of the CEUA and to fulfill the promises which we have made in the economic line and which should be satisfied in advance, according to arrangements. If this is handed over in portions, as has occurred lately, then the work is interrupted.

The press is sent daily but we do not know if it is received regularly.

The people await impatiently the conclusion of their fight.

The delegation to SUMMIT is being organized.

Police persecution of CEUA members continues: they daily revise the radio programs and prevent Rebelde from continuing by taking out the sponsors.

CEUA is determined to continue forward until our causes reaches its glorious finale.

Guatemala, 30 April 1954

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