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TO : Chief of Station, San Jose

DATE: 21 October 1961

FROM : Chief of Station, San Salvador

SUBJECT: GENERAL - Communist Matters
SPECIFIC Communists and Suspected Communists

Ref.: 722-197 -- Costa Rican Communists of Salvadoran Origin

1. The following are brief notes concerning the persons mentioned in reference report for your information and possible assistance in evaluating your source. The whereabouts of the obscure persons are unknown but none of the important cases is in Costa Rica. Most Salvadoran Communists were killed or fled El Salvador in 1932 and during the dictatorship of MARTINEZ most of them stayed away to return after his fall in 1944. The active ones again left the country in 1945 but many of them have been allowed to return. The bulk of the remaining exiles are in Guatemala and Mexico and under the FIGUEROA regime a number of these were active in Costa Rica.

2. You will note frequent references to an MA report of September 1944. This is merely a list of names of suspected Communists obtained from the police. Where no other information is given in the list below, the MA report is the only reference available. Since so many of these obscure names appear on your list, it would appear that the Salvadoran government exchanged lists with the Costa Rican government or in some other way the local list became available in Costa Rica.

3. Should you require complete information on any person, it will be supplied on request.

ALONZO, Mauricio -- Suspected Communist of Escatocacusa, El Salvador. MA Report (9-44).

ALVARADO Monterrey, Carlos -- Brother of Mauricio ALVARADO Monterrey, both Communist leaders trained in Mexico. Carlos was born 27 May 1929, studied in Mexico where he became associated with LOURINHO Salcedo, participated in 1944 disturbances following the fall of President MARTINEZ, was an active labor organizer and one of the principal figures of the UPR. Fled to Guatemala and later Mexico in 1945 where he has been residing to date.

ARREZ, Rufino -- Suspected Communist of Santa Ana, El Salvador. MA Report (9-44).

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ABONICIO, Pablo -- Suspected Communist of Mojacas, El Salvador. MA Report (9-66).

ASPUEA, Antonio -- A known Communist of Salvadoran nationality who has been absent from El Salvador for several years in Mexico and Guatemala. A report that he is now in San Salvador has not been confirmed.

AYALA, Pedro -- Suspected Communist of Salvadoran nationality residing in Guatemala where he is a member of the Comité Salvadoreño de Liberación Nacional (CSLN).

BARRAJA Cisneros, Jose (Rafael) -- Salvadoran suspected Communist, owner of Imprenta Cisneros located at 6th Calle Pericento No. 3. Supported Arturo ROJERO for the Presidency in 1944. Now Vice President of the Campaign Committee of Colonel Jose Ascencio MENDIETA, candidate for the Presidency of El Salvador.

BOLASOS de GABRALLO, Pilar -- wife Maria PILAR (pen name). Wife of Luis GABRALLO Gorrals, Communist writer of Salvadoran nationality. Active in the Vanguardia Popular Party of Costa Rica. Travel control records indicate that one Mary BOLASOS, age 31, traveled from Costa Rica to Mexico via Pan American Airways on 12 June 1948.

CABRERAS Duarte, Nicolas -- Suspected Communist of Santa Ana, El Salvador. Reportedly highly respected. Runs a print shop.

CALERO, Emilio -- Suspected Communist of Ilopango, El Salvador. MA Report (9-66).

CALERO, Jesus -- Suspected Communist of Ilopango, El Salvador. MA Report (9-66).

CALERO, Leonidas -- Suspected Communist of Ilopango, El Salvador. MA Report (9-66).

CALERO, Manuel -- Suspected Communist of Ilopango, El Salvador. MA Report (9-66).

CASTANEDA, Daniel -- Considered to be a Communist, of Santa Ana, El Salvador. Fled to Guatemala in 1945 where he is still residing. He is Secretary of ASIS of the CSLN.

CASILLAS, Guillermo -- Suspected Communist of Santa Ana, El Salvador. MA Report (9-66).

CASIN Gonzalez, Joaquin -- wife Maria CASIN -- (pen name). Not considered to be a Communist although he is leftist. He is a very able and active newspaper man and radio commentator. Works for Maria Leticia and has his own daily news broadcast.

CASO y ESCALES, Nicolas -- wife Julia CRISTOBAL. Long time Communist leader of great importance. Last reported as living in town near his family in Honduras. Present whereabouts not definitely known.

CASO, Nicolas -- Suspected Communist of Antigua Guatemala, El Salvador. MA Report (9-66).

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VIDEOS, Tirotes -- Suspected Communist of Mojicanos, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

GORADO Arriaga, Mariane -- Suspected Communist of Ahuachapan, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

COMBADO Valencia, Enrique -- Suspected Communist of Santa Ana, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

CORTEZ, Herman -- Suspected Communist of San Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

GUERRA Martinez, Abel Antonio -- Very active Communist of Salvadoran nationality who worked as Chief of the Electoral Board of the Vanguardia Popular Party in Costa Rica. Departed from Costa Rica after the fall of the FIGUEROA government and now believed to be in Guatemala or Mexico. His family went to Guatemala in May 1948. Married to Matilda SARAVIA and is a brother of Max Ricardo GUERRA, also a Communist. Both have been absent from El Salvador since 1945.

DIAZ, Jose Antonio -- Carpenter, 50 years of age. In October 1947 reported residing in San Jose. Has been arrested on numerous occasions for distributing subversive literature.

DIAZ Balaya, Jose Antonio -- Dr. Inferno of Medicine. Salvadoran Communist with a long record of activity. Now residing in El Salvador at 1024 Calle Fuentes No. 12. He is a member of the Central Committee of the clandestine Salvadoran Communist Party. Reportedly Secretary General but this is not confirmed.

DIAZ, Luis -- Old-time Communist agent of Salvadoran nationality whose record goes back to the Communist uprising of 1931. Believed to have resided in Costa Rica but is now in Guatemala where he is a member of the CSLE.

Note: There appears to be at least one other person named Jose Antonio DIAZ and a Juan Antonio DIAZ and perhaps a second Luis DIAZ. It has not been possible to separate all references in the files to these names.

HERNANDEZ, Ing. Jaime -- MA Report of 9/10/44 lists him as a Communist employed in the Department of Public Works. He has been Secretary of the Escuela No. 1 in El Salvador. No recent information.

DOMINGUEZ, Daniel Rafael -- Suspected Communist of San Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

ESCOBAR Velasco, Cecilio -- Suspected Communist. MA Report (9-46).

FERNANDEZ, Julio Fausto -- Very active local Communist, probably the top leader now in El Salvador. Former University professor, lawyer by profession. He is now Secretary of Ejecutivos Social, a government agency. Member of the Central Committee of CP.

FERRER, Jose -- Suspected Communist of Usulután. MA Report (9-46).

FLORES, Carlos Manuel -- Various reported as Nazi-Fascist, Falangist, and

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Communist. Now has a small publishing business in San Salvador and is Patriotic Nicaraguan Committee publicity agent. REF. TSS-111 and 131.

- X FLORES, Rafael -- Suspected Communist of Antiguo Cuscatlan, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).
- X GANUSA, Pedro -- Suspected Communist of Ahuachapan, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).
- X GANUSA, Rafael -- Suspected Communist of Ahuachapan, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).
- X GARAY, Antonio -- Suspected Communist of San Salvador. MA Report (9-46). A Professor GARAY whose full name has not yet been determined has recently come to light as being active in the local Communist Party.
- X GARCIA, Domingo de J. -- Suspected Communist of Soyapango, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).
- X GEORROY Rivas, Pedro -- Newspaper man living in Guatemala at the present time. Has had to flee from El Salvador several times because of subversive activities. In 1944 he was named director of the newspaper La Tribuna and was exiled in 1945 along with some of his staff and others who had opposed the government.
- X GONZALEZ, Manuel -- Suspected Communist of Santa Ana, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).
- X GRANDE, Carlos -- Suspected Communist of Chalchepa, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).
- X GRANEL, Pedro -- Attended a meeting of the Comité Reorganizacion Sindical (CRS) in May 1948. The CRS is an insipient Communist dominated labor organizing group.
- X GUEMAN, Benjamin -- Communist newspaper man. Works for La Tribuna. Reportedly member of CP Central Committee.
- X GUILLEN, Manuel -- Suspected Communist of Nejicanos, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).
- X HERNANDEZ, Bernardo -- Suspected Communist of San Miguel, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).
- X HERNANDEZ, Dinaco -- Suspected Communist of Soyapango, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).
- X HERNANDEZ, Eusebio, David -- Labor agitator. About 29 years old and a former student of engineering. Known to be a Communist sympathizer and attends meetings of the Partido Orientacion Democratica (FOD), a recently organized Communist run political party.
- X HERNANDEZ, Jose Gabriel -- Suspected Communist of Nejicanos, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

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~~RIVERA~~, Jose Ismael -- An old-time Communist now about 50 years of age. He was Secretary General of the Salvadoran Communist Party in 1931 and 1932. In September 1947 he departed for Managua and nothing further has been heard of his activities.

~~RIVERA~~, Porfirio Adrian -- About 49 years of age, a shoemaker by trade. Has been an agitator since before 1932 and arrested several times for causing disturbances or distributing Communist literature. In February 1947 he returned to El Salvador from Nicaragua and an MA Report of May 1947 states that he directed a meeting of Communists in San Salvador. There have been no recent reports regarding his activities.

~~RIVERA~~, Jose Antonio -- Suspected Communist of San Miguel, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

~~RIVERA~~ Barrios, Rodolfo -- Local labor leader. Very active. Lawyer by profession. Consultant of the Ministry of Labor and member of the Social Security Commission. He is one of the so-called Communist intellectuals with a long record of agitation on the local scene.

~~RIVERA~~ Guillen, Maximiliano -- Suspected Communist of Santa Ana, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

~~RIVERA~~, Manuel A. -- Member of the OSLE now living in Guatemala.

~~RIVERA~~, Pedro Sergio de -- Suspected Communist of Sonsonate, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

~~RIVERA~~, Prof. Francisco -- No recent information on his activities. Suspected Communist according to MA office.

~~RIVERA~~, Serafin -- Suspected Communist of Sonsonate, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

~~RIVERA~~, Miguel -- Outstanding Communist agitator of 1938. Managed to escape with his life. Now residing in Guatemala where he is active and is a member of the OSLE.

~~RIVERA~~QUIN, Alejandro Dagoberto -- Considered to be current leader of the Salvadoran Communists. He has resided in Mexico since 1945. Represented the OSLE at the Third CIAL Congress in Mexico in March 1948.

~~RIVERA~~QUIN, Amparo Casanlalupa de -- Wife of Alejandro Dagoberto ~~RIVERA~~QUIN. Residing with her husband in Mexico. Considered by some to be more of a radical Communist than her husband.

~~RIVERA~~QUIN, Estel -- Suspected Communist, of Soyapango, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

~~RIVERA~~QUIN, Concepcion -- Suspected Communist, of Ilopango, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

~~RIVERA~~QUIN, Daniel -- Suspected Communist of Najicomas, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

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MARTINEZ, Victor Manuel — Suspected Communist of Mejicanos, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46). A person of that name is a member of the Directiva of the Partido Acción Renovadora backing the candidacy of Col. Jose Ascencio ~~REYES~~.

MAJIA, Medardo — Honduran lawyer and newspaper man. Exiled from Salvador to Mexico in 1944. Later he reportedly was exiled from Guatemala in October 1947. He is believed to have gone to Costa Rica. TCG-220 and 269 mention his activities in Guatemala.

ORALES, Joaquin — Suspected Communist of Soyapango, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

ORALES, Jose Maria — Suspected Communist of Soyapango, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

ORATAYA, Pedro — Suspected Communist of Usulután. MA Report (9-46).

ORRICO Melgar, Rogelio — Suspected Communist arrested by the police prior to 1 May 1948 along with several other unimportant suspects.

PANAMENO, Antonio — Suspected Communist of San Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

PANAMENO, Felix — Suspected Communist. MA Report (9-46).

QUINONES, Jorge Eduardo — Suspected Communist of San Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

RAMIREZ, Francisco — Suspected Communist of Soyapango, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

RAMIREZ, Nicolas — Suspected Communist of Zacatecoluca, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

RAMIREZ Pineda, Leonardo — Suspected Communist of Soyapango, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

RAMIREZ, Valeriano — Suspected Communist of Soyapango, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

RICO, Victor M. — Suspected Communist of Santa Ana, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

RICO, Efrain M. — Suspected Communist of Santa Ana, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

RIVAS, Joaquin — Took part in Communist uprising in 1932 and lived in Honduras most of the time since then. He was to have been the Communist candidate for Mayor of San Salvador. He is a mechanic-driver by trade. Now believed to be residing here, and it is noted that one Joaquin RIVAS makes frequent trips to Honduras.

RIVAS, J. Antonio — Suspected Communist of Santa Ana, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

RIVERA, Gregorio — Suspected Communist of Tiquipango, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

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RODRIGO, Dr. Arturo -- The files contain some evidence that Dr. RODRIGO may have had Communist tendencies but such references are far from conclusive, and the bulk of the evidence would deny that he is a Communist. As a candidate for the Presidency of El Salvador in 1944 he was tremendously popular and would easily have become President had the Army and the capitalists not stepped in. The Liberal and leftist circles are still referred to as Rodrigistas. He was of course supported by the Communists. This was the excuse used for bringing about the violent finish to his candidacy. He now resides in San Jose, Costa Rica and practices medicine. He has stated that he has no further political ambition.

MARTINARIA, Fernando Antonio -- Considered to be a ~~fixed-in-the-wall~~ Communist who has been active as an agitator-organizer for the Communists of Honduras, Costa Rica, Colombia, and Venezuela. Expelled under President MARTINEZ. He returned after the dictator's fall. He was organizational secretary for the Alianza Democratica Salvadoreña. The latest report regarding him is dated June 1946 when he helped Corina RODRIGUEZ to organize the National Pro-Palestine Committee in Costa Rica.

ROCHA, Narciso -- Suspected Communist of Ucutlan, El Salvador. MA Report (9-46).

VASQUEZ, Miguel Angel -- w/a Victor Manuel VASQUEZ. -- Salvadoran nationality. Said to have been a member of the Mexican Communist Party and secretary of the official Communist printing and propaganda organization Fondo de Cultura Popular, S.C. He is known in Mexico as Victor Manuel VASQUEZ.

VASSILIU Ridaigo, Thony -- Lawyer by profession. Close associate of Julio Fausto FERRANDEZ and believed to be a member of the Central Committee of the CP.

VIOIL, Andres -- Suspected Communist of San Miguel. MA Report (9-46).

VILLALTA, Virgilio -- Suspected Communist of Mojocosa. MA Report (9-46).

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