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The following information was received on 4/5/62 by SA FREDERICK A. JOHNS by written rough draft from CLYDE NICHOLS, Anti-Subversive Section, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, El Paso, Texas. Mr. NICHOLS advised also that this information is classified by his agency as "CONFIDENTIAL."

[ELP-I-191 on March 26, 1962:] (C)

Informant reports that on February 21, 1962 he talked with GREGORIO RETA at the offices of the USCE in Torreon. RETA told source that the PCM was in a very bad state of disorganization due to police persecution and because some PCM members including JUAN JOSE MERAZ are being held in jail. He said that practically all PCM leaders in the Laguna area are very much afraid that they will be arrested. RETA told source that the Party was attempting to get a large number of people to participate in a mass meeting to commemorate International Women's Day on March 8, 1962. RETA asked source to attend this meeting. (C)

Source also talked with LUCAS RIZO on March 3, 1962 and RIZO talked in the same vein as had RETA. LUCIO and RETA both remonstrated with source because source has not been active in the PCM in Juarez. The PCM is not maintaining a public office at this time, but is carrying out necessary business at the home of GREGORIO RODRIGUEZ-RETA at 865 Calle Abasolo. Source went to this address on several separate occasions. Source met JOSE LUNA and JOSEFA RODRIGUEZ at RETA's house. (C) MEX

On March 21, 1962 source again went to RETA's home and while there he met two PCM members whose names he was unable to secure and whom he doesn't remember having seen before. (C)

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a member of the USCE, but that he had recently become a PCM member together with his brothers JUAN and OSCAR CONTRERAS. They all live at La Luz Ejido, Matamoros, Coahuila. JESUS CONTRERAS said that the cell there is not active because there is no one to help them. (C)

Source met "Chunco" ORONA, a son of ARTURO ORONA, at the offices of the USCE where he is employed as a janitor. This young man resembles RODRIGO ORONA very much. Everyone calls him "Chunco" he is probably a half brother of RODRIGO. (C)

LUNA told source that JOSE ANTONIO MORIN from Torreon is now in Mexico, D.F. (C)

MARIA DE JESUS MENDEZ has been in Torreon in an effort to secure medical treatment there. She returned to Juarez about March 14, 1962. (C)

Source talked with DEMETRIO LUNA who told him his brothers' names are IGNACIO and ANSELMO, all of them live at Vega Larga Ejido. (C)

In a conversation with JOSE LUNA and RUPERTO PEREYRA, LUNA said that the USCE is not helping the PCM at the present time, that in a recent month the USCE had received from 25,000 to 28,000 pesos and had given only 28 pesos to the PCM. He said that at the Congress of the USCE which is to be held about the middle of May, 1962 ALBERTO DEL LOERA, JESUS CAUDILLO, EULALIO GARCIA, J. ENCARNACION CHAVIRA, and ARTURO ORONA, all PCM members who are in posts in the directorate of the USCE, will be removed from these posts and will be replaced by PCM members who will work more to the benefit of the Party. (Source believes that the new directorate will include JOSE VIESCA, and CARLOS SIMENES. (C)

Source believes that the members of the PCM State Committee are: (C)

GREGORIO RODRIGUEZ-RETA
MANUEL AMAYA
ANTONIO DE LA CRUZ

MARTIN GUERRA
MANUEL MURUA

and the Municipal Committee is made up of:

RUPERTO PEREYRA
JOSEFA RODRIGUEZ, and others.

ENRIQUE AGUILERA

Source states that there is no organized activity of the Communist Party in Francisco I. Madero at this time. The PCM previously maintained an office in a building, in the center of town, which is owned by TRINIDAD LNU, also known as "El Compadre", who operates the "Las Golondrinas" Store in Francisco I. Madero. EDUARDO GARCIA, "La Negra" was in charge of the PCM there. Almost every Ejido in the Francisco I. Madero area had its PCM Cell, but there is no activity at all there now. (C)

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