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OPERATE OTR CITE SALV 529G
AMVUS
OP SALV 529A (in scope)
Handwritten: [redacted] on 11/11/56

MEETING [redacted] AND [redacted] AT HOTEL SAFESITE LASTED 1019
 0 1448 HOURS 27 SEPTEMBER [redacted]
 24 [redacted] NOR [redacted] AWARE OF THIS OR REF MEETINGS.
 [redacted] AND [redacted] NOT [redacted] IS [redacted] TARGET AND, AS HOS
 ARE, HAVE COOPERATED IN PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT HIM AND OTHERS
 INVOLVED IN EXPLOITING AMVUS LEADS. IN ADDITION [redacted] HAS BEEN
 IDENTIFYING TARGET FOR [redacted] 24 [redacted] 24
 [redacted] SO. HENCE THERE IS HIGH RISK [redacted] COULD DISCOVER
 [redacted] CONTACT IN FUTURE HANDLING. IN VIEW OF THESE HAND GIVEN
 [redacted] IN THESE OPS BY [redacted] 24 AND [redacted] 24, SUCH DISCOVERY COULD DAMAGE
 [redacted] AND ALL [redacted] RELATIONS. FOR FOREGOING REASONS, ALTHOUGH
 [redacted] MUCH DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THIS [redacted] OP UNILATERALLY,
 WE DEEM IT PRUDENT TO INFORM [redacted] 24 AND [redacted] 24 PRESIDENT, REQUESTING THEY
 HAVE NO RECORD OF RECRUITMENT AND SIMPLY ACCEPT FUTURE REPORTS AS
 COMING FROM TRUSTWORTHY SENSITIVE SOURCE, LEAVING MANAGEMENT TO
 [redacted].
 IN LONG INTERVIEW [redacted] GAVE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF INFO ON
 HIS ACTIVITIES AND HIS RELATIONS WITH OTHER COMINT PARTIES AND

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ARMEN. HIS INFO SEEMS SUBSTANTIALLY TRUE ALTHOUGH HE HAS WITHHELD
 OTHER INFO. UNDERSTANDABLY HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT ENTRAPMENT
 COMPLIANCE WITH AGREEMENT TO REMUNERATE HIM. SECURITY LEAD LOCALLY
 WHICH HE FEARS COULD RESULT HIS DEATH. HE INDICATES WILLINGNESS
 CONTINUE IN PARTY ACTIVITIES SALV, ATTEND CONFERENCES, STRENGTHEN
 CONTACTS WITH OTHER COMITE PARTIES, STRIVE GAIN HIGH PARTY POS'S,
 ALERT FOR INTEL ON GUERRILLA WARFARE AND ^{Cuba} ~~EL~~ ACTIVITIES.

INFO FROM ~~SECRET~~ INCLUDES FOLL:

- A. HE ARRANGED MOSCOW TRAVEL RECENTLY ~~SECRET~~ FOR FOUR
 LUS, LETTING THEIR PARENT GROUPS MAKE SELECTIONS. THOSE
 SELECTED WERE RENAN RODAS LAZO, PEDRO RAUL FARFAN MEDRANO,
 BERTO ARMIJO NAVARRETE AND ONE OTHER WHOSE NAME HE COULD NOT
 CALL.
- B. HE BELIEVES PCES CENTRAL COMMITTEE INCLUDES SHAFICK HANDAL,
 ERGE ARIAS GOMEZ, RAUL CASTELLANOS FIGUEROA ^{EL} BUT SAYS HANDAL
 ONLY ONE WHOM HE KNOWS ON PCES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
- C. PARTY PSEUDOS FOR SELF, HANDAL AND CASTELLANOS RESPECTIVELY ARE
^{SECRET} PEDRO ^{EL} AND FERNANDEZ. HOWEVER HANDAL PSEUDO NOW CHANGED
 ANOTHER WHICH COULD NOT RECALL.
- D. HE AND JOSE MANLIO ARGUETA BOTH WERE TRAINED BY ^{Palma} ~~SECRET~~ INTEL;
 HAD GW TRAINING ALSO.
- E. PCES HAS ESTIMATED 600 MEMBERS, ALTHOUGH THIS HIS GUESS RATHER
 AN HARD INFO. WELL ORGANIZED IN SAN SALV BUT WEAK IN COUNTRY
 ORGANIZATION DESPITE MANY CAMPESINO MEMBERS.
- F. FOUR PRACTICALLY INACTIVE.
- G. PCES HAS SUPPORTERS FOR CHICORY LINE AS WELL AS SOV LINE BUT
 DIFFERENCES HAVE NOT CAUSED SPLIT. LEADERS FAVOR SOV LINE.

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4. RONALD DALTON NOT TRUSTWORTHY. POST-NOVEMBER 1955 AND ATTEMPT TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT HIS DISAPPEARANCE. THEY ARE TRYING TO GET PROSECUTE BY GOVT TROUGH ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~, WOULD BE WILLING ACCEPT HIS EXPULSION FROM COUNTRY RATHER THAN HAVE HIM LANGUISH IN SOME LOCAL JAIL. GOVT HAS NOT SAID ANYTHING ABOUT DALTON'S ARREST OR LOCATION.

5. HE A PCS MEMBER CONTINUOUSLY SINCE 1955. HIS SUSPENSION WAS ORDERED BECAUSE HE TOOK ASYLUM IN MEXI ENB 29 JANUARY 63. IT WAS NOT CARRIED OUT BECAUSE HE GAVE SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION OF CONDUCT ON ARRIVING MEXI FEW DAYS LATER.

6. IN LINE PARA 1 REASONING BELIEVE BEST TO INTERVIEW ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ MEETING WITH HIM SCHEDULED 0900 HOURS LOCAL TIME 28 SEPTEMBER. REQUEST HAS VISAS BY 0830 HOURS.

7. NEXT ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ MEETING 1000 HOURS 29 SEPTEMBER. NEXT MEETING MORNING 26 SEPTEMBER AFTER ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ MEETING.

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