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REPORT NO HMM-10,628

SUBJECT Popular Socialist Party
Skepticism Concerning the
Arrest of Victor Rico Galan
And Others

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SOURCE

Veteran and trusted member of the Popular Socialist Party who has close personal connections with ranking members of the Party. He has been a prolific reporter of reliable information. The reported information was obtained directly from leaders of both the PPS and the General Union of Workers and Peasants of Mexico. The substance of these persons' comments are believed to be accurately reported; their validity however cannot be assessed.

1. (Summary: Popular Socialist Party (PPS) attitudes toward the arrest of Victor Rico Galan and others on charges of conspiring against the Government remain unsympathetic and the Party intends to stay outside the entire matter although PPS Secretary General Vicente Lombardo Toledano may seize the opportunity to strike back at some of his enemies by issuing a statement condemning the plans attributed to Rico Galan. Within the Party there is considerable skepticism about the truth of the published charges. While several Party leaders do not doubt that there is some truth to the charges they are quite convinced that there was no danger of imminent rebellion and that Mexican institutions stood in no peril from Rico Galan and his friends. Given the energy and efficiency with which the Mexican Government has dealt with less melodramatic threats in the past, one cannot but suspect that it is merely a tried and true Government maneuver. Also, it is believed in the PPS that police accounts of their role in the matter have been exaggerated to enhance the reputation of the police both with the President and with the public. The rumor that the Guatemalan Government may have asked the Mexican Government to silence Rico Galan because of his violent attacks against the new Guatemalan administration is generally discounted since the complaints of Guatemalan officials are certainly of no concern to Mexico.)

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SUBJECT: COMMENT IN THE POPULAR SOCIALIST PARTY ON THE ARREST
OF VICTOR RICO GALAN AND OTHERS ON CHARGES OF
SUBVERSION

ACT: MEXICO, MEXICO CITY (16 AUG 66) FIELD NO. 441-12,614

SOURCE:

VETERAN AND TRUSTED MEMBER OF THE POPULAR SOCIALIST
PARTY (PPS) WHO HAS CLOSE PERSONAL CONNECTIONS AMONG
RANKING MEMBERS OF THE PARTY. HE HAS BEEN A PROLIFIC
REPORTER OF RELIABLE INFORMATION. THE REPORTED
INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM CARLOS SANCHEZ GARDENAT
OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE OF THE PPS.

1. THE POPULAR SOCIALIST PARTY (PPS) HAS NOT FORMULATED
AN OPINION ON THE 12 AND 13 AUGUST 1966 ARRESTS OF VICTOR RICO
GALAN AND SOME FORTY OTHER PERSONS ON CHARGES OF SUBVERSION.
HOWEVER, CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE
OF THE PPS HAVE SAID THAT THE PPS WILL DO NOTHING TO HELP THEM

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WH Comment: Reference deals with the already planned surfacing of abundant information available on Victor RICO Galan, an active Cuban agent. Station has been requested by the Press Office of the Embassy to assist in briefing Mr. Robert STRUTHERS, reporter for Reader's Digest and believes this to be excellent opportunity.

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