

But you also can imagine that, since you also know what they think. So there would be no sense to my trip here if its purpose were to tell you something that you may know perfectly well. What I have stated here has been on my own exclusive responsibility and as a result of my [word unintelligible] working alone.

I have told the Comandante that in my opinion there have arisen here a number of problems which have objective roots but which have become somewhat complicated and distorted to the extent of leading to a situation that may be dangerous in the future, that may convert the Trece de Noviembre into just another group, another sect, that may therefore isolate slightly from the masses in general or at least from a number of strata of the people whose support in the struggle is important.

On the international plane I have seen the importance of the Trece de Noviembre as a symbol of the struggle for national liberation not only of Guatemala but also of Latin America, and the importance of Comandante Adan as the chief or head of that nucleus. The reportage I wrote on it just a year ago <sup>1963</sup> was successful partly owing to the collaboration of the Cuban comrades and partly because of the natural curiosity aroused by the subject. It was reproduced by newspapers in the United States, in Europe-- for instance, L'Estrella de Paris reprinted it; it was reprinted by the New Statesman of London; newspapers of a broad but important left wing in Europe--I even have a magazine from New Zealand which reprinted the reportage.

By that I convey to you the importance which was attributed to the movement. I have not mentioned Cuba or China, of course. You know that the interview was published by Hoy, the organ of the PUSC, and in China it was reprinted by the Party organ, People's Daily.

I have also received a series of letters from various countries, and in my travels I have noticed how people would ask me with enormous interest about your struggle. In Mexico I pretty nearly told them in jest that it seems that they regard me as the owner of the Guatemalan revolution because every time that some news item or rumor reaches them all the revolutionary people come and talk to me on the telephone or send for me to find out what my opinion is, as though I had a direct wire to the Sierra de las Minas there to be informed of every last thing that occurs to you.

I tell you all this in somewhat prolix detail because I am afraid that you, buried to some extent here in the mountains, may be aware of the historic role you are playing at this moment. And I also want to tell you that here in Guatemala, where I have been for two weeks--although I was here covertly and that, of course, limited my activity--I have nevertheless been able to see the interest, devotion, and enthusiasm with which the guerrilla struggle is being followed.

My opinion is that the guerrilla movement in Guatemala has definitely taken hold and that it will end only on the day of victory. I want to tell you also recently I found out that Comandante Guevara thinks exactly the same. A comrade in the Mexican Communist Party, a member of the Central Committee and newsmen, visited Cuba. A close personal friend of mine, he visited Cuba and had an interview with Che mainly on economic matters, together with other Mexican newsmen. They talked for a long time, and when they finished Che asked them a number of questions about Mexico and then they asked him about the liberation movements in Latin America. Che told them that in his opinion the two countries in which the movement was most solid and firm despite every difficulty were Guatemala and Vene-

suela.

I think for this reason that you must view your problems not as another group carrying on polemics with other groups but to some extent from the height in which you are placed, even physically. You must realize that the difficulties there have been are due basically to the fact that the comrades in the POT have long delayed turning into deeds their own ideas on the struggle. They have set forth a line to the effect that aspects may not be discussed but that [phrase unintelligible] correct. The 11-point resolution of December which places the armed struggle and especially the guerrilla phase at the core of the revolutionary struggle seems to me to be correct in general. But they have had many difficulties because there have been debates, obscurities, some of them perhaps did not understand that or were opposed--I do not know, I do not have many details. But of course it has not been possible; they have not found it possible or else have lacked the capability to devote their activity to the armed struggle. Consequently their participation, which there has been--we cannot deny it; I think it would be unjust to deny the participation of the POT--has been the participation of a rearguard, of support. They have lost cadres here in [Ixtabal?] and elsewhere, suffered the consequences of the struggle; some comrades of the POT are actively persecuted--but always in connection with support activities.

I believe your role is to drag them into a more active participation in the struggle--not to fight them or fight them only to the extent that such a fight may lead them into the battle and not occasion a split. In my opinion this is going to be much easier from now on because, although what happened with the publication of the newspaper is dangerous in my opinion--and it is dangerous because it poses a number of things which

are not understood, you see? and in the second place they cause a state of confusion, especially among a people which is not politically sophisticated, as in Guatemala--, I think that despite those --- those negative things this has been the clang of a bell; has shown the comrades in the PGT the extent to which they had committed errors and abandoned a number of possibilities of struggle.

About that I have talked to them at considerable length and have talked to them in utter loyalty and clarity, and they admit that all that is taking place is not the product of error on the part of the Trece or a bad line of the Trece exclusively but a product of their very own errors also. They do assume their share of responsibility and I think it is important that you know and appreciate that fact--important for this reason, that there might arise in some comrades, and I am referring particularly to Rolando, a certain lowering of morale: that he might think that he erred in some things and might allow himself to be destroyed politically. I think this would be a serious error, do you not? and I think it would be false attitude. We must start from the premise that everybody has committed errors and that these errors have been commonplace everywhere. Let us remember, for instance, that in Cuba there was in the organization of that famous strike, the one that failed, of April 1959, none other than a David Salvador, who was a Falangista, and there was none other than a [Bill DeWalt?] who was an imperialist agent; and that in Cuba there were public statements of the 26 July movement which Fidel Castro had to disown later, and there was constant misunderstanding between the people who were in the sierras and the militants in the cities; and there were very serious conflicts between the PCP and the 26 July movement; and there were all those parasites from the Escambray Second Front who were good for nothing. In short, a series of problems, which did not prevent attaining victory because the position

they always maintained was that the fundamental nucleus of the 26 July organisation was an agent of cohesion of the revolutionary forces, and they succeeded in polarising those revolutionary forces and succeeded in avoiding problems, and this in the end led the revolutionary forces to victory.

With regard to this, I would like to tell you something else: I have never been in favor of that attitude, very widely generalized in Latin America, which is to say: "Well, you can see what Fidel did. This was not done by Fidel; this was done by Fidel." I think this is abysmal error, because what Fidel did he did under very special historical circumstances, and what you are doing is different and has to be different. You have no reason at all to follow the Cuban or any other experience, but I do think it is advisable to learn from international experience and take advantage of it to the extent that it may be useful.

I say this because it seems to me that there has been here a certain idealistic tendency to take a position above the masses. I am referring to the debates on the character of the revolution, on the participation of the bourgeoisie, whether the Chinese or the Soviets are right, and a number of questions like that. I realize very well that when I say this you may say that I am half out of my mind or that I am unwilling to commit myself to a position. That is not so: I shall try to explain my idea as clearly as I can.

My idea is this: When you are struggling in a country which is highly developed, very complicated, politically very sophisticated, where there is a working class of great experience, politically informed, militant, where even the peasants themselves are acutely aware of their problems, their needs --let us say France, let us say Italy--all these rigorous analyses of the composition of the bourgeoisie, distinctions among various aspects of that bourgeoisie, analyses of the needs of the working class, of the international

role of the struggle of semicolonial or colonial peoples, and so forth, are necessary. They are necessary because for a party, for a group to have authority it has to persuade masses which have high political sophistication. In our countries we face no such problems. We do not face such problems because our masses are thoroughly unconcerned from a political standpoint.

In another --- rather, stated in better terms, more clearly and more accurately, they have a very elementary understanding of their problems. The concern of the peasant is for the soil; I do not think it goes beyond that at the moment. I believe that if the peasant is offered land, is offered schooling for his children, medical care, and so forth, he will not demand any more explanations. He sees no other problems.

So, when I read in Revolucion Socialista all these things, about the Bolivian masses, the armed militias, it is a truly shocking confusion. And I say this because I know Bolivia, I have been there, I have seen their real problems. When I see all this about Peru, where the masses are said to be doing their will, with a semifeudal government, it is truly --- it seems to me that we are falling into a number of questions which there is no purpose in discussing here.

And it is not that I champion the abandonment of ideology. No, I think that you, the leaders, the people of the central nucleus, must study, must read, must read the classics. The other day I heard a recording by our comrade [Surcio?] with reference to this, and I think the attitude is very proper. You must have the clearest possible view, but I think it would be mistaken on your part not to realize that if you advance too far ahead you will isolate yourselves from the masses.

Also, and in connection with this same subject, it is not the same thing

to face the problem of defeating a bourgeoisie such as the French bourgeoisie, which has ideologists and has rulers of the caliber of a De Gaulle, and to face the problem of defeating an idiotic bourgeoisie such as the Guatemalan bourgeoisie, with a ruler like comrade Enrique, is it? In other words, the weapon needed to shoot down De Gaulle--to state it thus in very simple and personal terms--has to be much more long-range and much more perfect than the weapon required to shoot down Peralta. Peralta can be brought down just about by pitching a rock at him, can he not?

This, all this tends to indicate that to exaggerate ideological questions to the masses will lead us nowhere. I have been able to observe that the following has happened with the newspaper--and I told Comandante Adan yesterday--; that those who understand it do not approve of it. And I am not referring to the people of the FGT but to many well-meaning people: for instance, to Rodrigo Asturias, who is in Mexico, a survivor of the [Cumquat?], a wholesome fellow, studious, concerned, who is very anxious to come here to join the struggle--he was really dumbfounded at the document. The same for honorable people like Carlos [Barquesada]. On the other hand, most of the people, the masses that do not understand it, cannot understand all that complicated terminology, all that obscurity, all those generalizations of concepts that do not stimulate anybody to the struggle, that do not pose actual and concrete objectives.

That is my opinion. I believe that on this point you must establish a very skilful, very intelligent balance between your own political training and your daily contact with the masses, and you will gradually be told [sic] what the masses must be told.

On this point--I say this rather to comrade Rolando--; putting those

ideas into slightly theoretical form, it would be necessary to reread and study that famous document by Mao Tse-tung on contradiction, where he explains how contradictions are gradually displaced in the evolution of society and particularly, in a revolution, how the basic contradiction gradually displaces other contradictions which often are the most apparent ones and are most manifest to the masses and which all express the basic or fundamental contradiction but express it in different ways.

So we have no reason to propose the destruction of the bourgeoisie and alienate the support of a number of people who feel bourgeois. I myself, to come here, was helped by petty bourgeois of this area itself. These petty bourgeois, of course, are not the national bourgeoisie to which the program of the PGT refers, but they feel they are bourgeois. They cannot distinguish, when you condemn the national bourgeoisie in the newspaper, they cannot distinguish between themselves and whether they are or are not the national bourgeoisie. They feel affected. Why should we alienate their collaboration?

I even pointed out to the Comandante cases such as that of Pancho Villagran ~~framer~~: there is no doubt that he is bourgeois, a bourgeois ideologist and a bourgeois politician, yet he has given you his collaboration and may give it again. What need is there to have a fight with him? One must maintain the firmness of principles, as Comandante Adan did in the interview, specify clearly the disagreements, but not picture him as an enemy. It seems to me that on this point Comandante Adan expressed the true policy, which consisted not in saying, "Villagran is our enemy because he is bourgeois"--which would be the logical consequence of what has been published in the newspaper--but to say, "He is my friend but I think that he is mistaken; that he is not going to accomplish anything." This seems to me



the right thing to do. Also, the movement is at a stage where what it needs is friends.

Well, I think I have talked a good deal and rather haphazardly, but-- I wish you had arrived; I was clinging to that hope, although I knew it was very unlikely, since you have already delayed too long. Unfortunately it has not been that way, has it? So I wanted to leave my greeting to you and some of the impressions I have of the situation.

I can add something to what I have already told you. The comrades of the POT asked me after I had been here for quite a few days and they had shown me a number of things--I even think that they wanted to be sincere because they also showed me tapes in which they were harshly criticized, in which their own cadres criticized them--they arranged interviews for me with persons within the party who are in disagreement with the leadership--in short, I was able to get a considerably more objective picture--they asked me for my observations and criticisms, which I gave them in all loyalty.

The basic criticism I believe continues to be the lack of more active participation in the armed struggle and of the channeling of cadres to the armed struggle. This I think continues to be the main problem; they admit it. In general I must tell you that most of my criticisms were well received by them.

I even asked for a talk with Guerra Borges because I thought that his article in the International [i.e. World Marxist] Review contained some expressions of opinion which were not correct, although in others it was on the right track. We discussed it and he had a receptive attitude, and in the end admitted that there was some error, owing to the need to make the article too condensed.

On the point, which I think has been posed here rather insistently, of whether the bourgeoisie participates, the famous thesis of the four classes, in other words, they were telling me--I am referring particularly to the comrades of the political commission, with whom I had a lengthy meeting-- they have applied it somewhat mechanically, somewhat as convention dictates, as has been done by a majority of the parties in countries such as this one, but without actually having a clear notion on the subject, and among them there were arguments, struggles, and disagreements with regard to the role of the bourgeoisie.

So I think that it is perfectly possible to debate on this point. I do not think that the policy should be to set out a public thesis, and even less a public polemic. I do not think that it is particularly important to the struggle that the theory of the four classes be upheld publicly. I do not think that anyone will be disappointed to see that in this country there is a peasantry or a proletariat so radical and so enlightened that it will refuse to cooperate with the national bourgeoisie. So I think it is a somewhat unproductive polemic.

I am also fully convinced that the national bourgeoisie has no revolutionary role to play at this time in Latin America and much less in Guatemala. And that it does not depend on the theories proposed or the thinking of Guerra Borges, or the thinking of Rubio or the thinking of anyone else. I believe that is a fact, and facts are above all else. And I think that the moment that the struggle grows up, that the revolutionary power grows strong and is established on a free territory, this will be seen still more clearly. But I see no reason why this should be announced a priori; that is, I do not see why we should make the revolution in the newspapers, if it is

being carried on in the mountains.

Now I would like to say a few words for our comrade Rolando. They are nothing secret, but they are things which interest him personally.

Isabel is in Cuba. I left 15 days ago today; that is, yesterday, Saturday, it was two weeks. The day after my departure she was to leave for Cuba, by way of Europe, of course, so she would be able to return. The trip had already been set up by Comandante Guevara, and Isabel had been invited, but it had not been made definite because the Cubans move very slowly in some things. Just after the trip of [woman's name] and the letter Rolando sent me, and in view of what he was requesting of me in that letter--and the difficult situation that she was in, obviously, from every viewpoint, including the economic one, and the my difficulties in any attempt to give any help--I of course tried to activate the matter of her trip, went at it in a direct manner, and arrangements were made right away. She did not want to go. First of all she was very interested in knowing how the situation would come out here and what I would propose on my return, etc. In addition she was very concerned about the health and the morale of comrade Rolando. So she did not want to go, and I had a rather hard time persuading her. At last I succeeded; I showed her that in any event Rolando in my opinion would have to devote some time to his treatment. Whether this was done in Cuba, or Mexico, or Czechoslovakia, she would be in a position to accompany him; when he left she of course would be notified in Havana, and [from there] she could get in touch.

In any event, if comrade Rolando decides to go via Mexico, I want to give him my telephone number so he can locate me right away. He can use the name Rolando. My number is 23 07 92. He will find me the 1st up to 1000 or about 1930 hours [several words unintelligible]. So if he goes clandestinely and has any problem he can talk to me, carefully, of course, as the

phone is under surveillance. He can use the name Rolando and address me in the familiar form ["tú"], as an old friend who has come in from the provinces. Then I shall look for him and try to find a way to solve the problems he may have.

As to this matter of Rolando's health I think it is very important to discard the "theory" that it is nothing serious, etc., which he himself is spreading about. I do not think this situation can be allowed to remain indefinitely, with him in poor health. I have talked about this to the comrades in the ROT here, although it looks as though they are not very fond of him for the time being--and of course that makes sense--and they have promised to take care of the matter. I have also asked Comandante Adan as commander-in-chief to do something about the problem. I think it would be useful, do you not? [phrase blurred].

Well, that is all for the time being. I hope your meeting will be successful. I hope that the difficulties will be overcome, and that this situation will be taken advantage of to reshape all things and to give new drive to the struggle. I think the experiences acquired can be very useful--for instance the experience here of Comandante Adan and the boys with the peasants and the plan to organize them and occupy lands. I think it can be developed into ever more perfect forms. Of course that directive of occupying lands, given here in practice, is a provocation which can result in the peasants' being massacred, but when it is done in a planned manner, in a way that the guerrilla can offer them protection and in which they can be taught to protect themselves, as in the case that has happened here--I think it can be a first-rate revolutionary factor.

I think you ought to give special attention to these things--and above all else is the problem of unity. If on the one hand you do not feel

you are in possession of the truth but on the other hand you do not feel you are victims of the possessors of the truth--I say this for comrade Rolando-- I think you can accomplish a great change in the outlook and give a great push to the struggle. You have to know, be aware of, have a clear idea that the situation in the PCT is at this time rather good. A number of factors have contributed to this, including, for example, people who are attacked in Revolution Socialista, such as the PUR. The PUR has had a very clear and well-defined attitude, very positive, consisting in declaring to the PCT that they were for unity at all times, but on the basis of its being real unity; that is, on the basis that they would, in every way possible, continue collaborating with the guerrillas at every moment. I think that in the base organizations of the PCT this attitude has been brought forth.

So, there is nowhere that I can see any real reason for a break nor the desire for a break on the part of anybody. The problems that have come up can be discussed as between equals, clearly, and they can be a positive factor, become a positive factor of impetus for the struggle, eliminating everything that is a burden or an error or a provocation.

I am sending a cordial greeting to both, those I know well as a result of oral expressions and recorded tapes--this employment of tape recorders is extremely useful--and whom I would have liked very much to hug personally. So long.

[Same man who recorded the above continues after a blank space on the tape.] ...in the first place ... Rolando ... said that he is of course ... trip ... Mexico ... in excellent health ... I saw him ... departure from Mexico ... very few days, 3 days ... took some photographs of both but I was unable to bring them because I left for here ... he was afraid I might have difficulties with .... I traveled with a lady who posed as my wife ... photos ... I could not bring them ... Rolando ... also I was delayed seriously the other night when I was coming ... the way is long but it is ... .

There is something else you might like to know ... I have had many contacts with him ... of course his attitude is still ... feels very bad ... also this becomes more serious owing to the situation ... that worries him very much because ... a letter to his wife ... some psychological trouble, nerves ... I have tried ... he did not send greetings because ... I remember all of you ... his attitude on the entire struggle, but I think he is ... it was then advisable ... send him a message by this same means of recorded Phillips tape. I have a/tape recorder of standard size, not portable ... if you prepare a tape recording to tell him clearly and definitely ... decision, you can send it to me ... [Voice trails off.]

[Recording is now of conversation among several men.]

... they all sent letters asking that S.O.B. to ....

... in the morning, and that Pirulin was here as resident ...

... are agreed, that there are tactless people ... minimum salary to give the person enough to live on, pay for housing, eat, pay for his children's education ... sliding scale of wages ... money ... if life is inexpensive ... wages of 80 centavos for the peasant ... or 50 ... plantains ... she understands about that ... that BS ... hunger ... children's education...

... sliding wage scale ... minimum wages ... talked about "salario vital

minimo," which is what a family needs to support itself at today's cost of living levels. That, I can discuss as minimum wage.... Those are slogans for the struggle against capitalism. Capitalism is incapable of solving the problems of the masses. That is the basic problem.

... the worker gets 1.74 a day ... does not pay for housing. That has to be assured because ... workers of the "frutera" [UFCO, United Fruit Company] do not pay for housing, or electricity; that is, the only thing that he pays for is ... they give him food cards ... the only thing that the peasant ... "frutera" ... retirement is ... or else they give him nothing, blackball him ... lost his indemnity ... the peasant struggling for better wages ...

[Etc. One man does most of the talking, about the relative situation of the worker with regard to the UFCO, the union, and independent farming as to earnings, benefits, etc. They engage in an argumentative comparison of the treatment of the worker by the UFCO and the railroad company. Toward the end the discussion leads into the potential for revolution among the former and present workers of the UFCO.]

[After a blank space there is a lecture on the Guatemalan situation from its origins, starting with a detailed account of Columbus' voyages, Spain's exploitation, the plunder of the gold and riches of America, and the enslavement of the natives. The lecturer then shifts to present tasks of revolution. The intelligible points to be gleaned on this are as follows:]

"The main function of the guerrilla is to disrupt the regime, the capitalist system of private ownership." [The "disrupt the system" point is made also at the end as the gist of the lecture,] We must keep digging at the roots while shaking the trunk to cause it to fall. The newspapers declare that they are not allowed to publish interviews with guerrilla

fighters, etc. Strikes are more frequent. The spirit of rebellion and disregard of law is spreading. We must encourage and exploit it.

Many people still think that the guerrillas are only supposed to kill soldiers. That is mistaken. We must get to the people and encourage their rebelliousness and opposition to the government, which is everywhere evident. The situation is deteriorating. The government of Peralta is not operating well. The guerrillas are playing an important role because they are [feeding] the people. They are not simply fighting; their role also is to solve problems for the people, to solve social difficulties for the people.

We must find out why the peasants do not respond the way they should to the guerrillas. There is strength for us and for the people in a close relationship. Thousands are watching us and what we do. In the villages we are welcomed because they realize we are fighting to solve their problems.

[End tape 1 - begin tape 2 ]

When the revolution is over, we are all going to solve our problems, the problems of all, not just of a few.

The struggle is going well; the government must be kept sharply conscious of us. Sometimes it seems no progress is being made, but from the standpoint of the revolutionary struggle it is being made. The thing is not to be discouraged but to be steadfast. For every 20 that the enemy kills, 100 will rise up.

[Quality of recording deteriorates so badly for a long stretch after this that summary is not feasible, as all crucial names (if any) and words are unintelligible. Then:] Strikes must be encouraged, because strikes go against the capitalist system, and what we want is to destroy, to replace the capitalist system. We want the means of production to be in the hands of the state controlled by the workers, for the benefit of all. The



function of the guerrilla is to disrupt the regime, the social system. The revolution will continue for a long time. There is no way to stop it short of victory. [Occasional comments by the other two or three participants had been heard. More comments follow, all unintelligible as above.]

[A period of silence is followed by a series of recorded greetings, letters, other messages, short speeches, and songs, including mention of names and identities which are unintelligible\*. The recording is poor, distorted, full of echoes. Upon the conclusion of this special section, there is a notable improvement in the tape quality, as reflected in the following pages.]

\* except for Marcantonio or Marco Antonio. Yon -

Here ends the tape [recorded] by comrade [Galaní]. [We appreciate] the material aid, the songs, the greetings, all of which make us firmer in the struggle and demonstrate that we are going well, that if the struggle was somewhat limited in the beginning it was because of lack of a clear program, of a line and of a program [several words] for which we are fighting. [The] last few words of comrade Rolando refer to [word], ~~has~~ to the takeover of power, although he does not make clear yet, at this time, the power for whom, to do what, but comrade Rolando [has a clearness] which we took to be emotion [toward?] the opening of the struggles for the socialist revolution. I can make no comment in this regard from the content of this tape, but [several words].

Before I say farewell, there are two points I was forgetting. By this courier we are sending No. 29 of [one word] Interno, containing an article about the false Communism of the Russians and its historic lessons to the world. It is very important that the article be read, studied, and discussed there, because it will be material not only for our meeting but for further strengthening us in this line and in this program. Rich experiences [can] be gotten from it, so that we [words] some of the things pointed out here by the Chinese [words] the decay of the Russian Revolution represented by Khrushchev as the inheritor [continuador] of Stalin's bureaucratic line.

Also, I would like to read this note to you; I do not know whether you have received it. We, after my return from [word] [decided] to call a meeting of the [PAR]. We sent a message to comrade [Erlindo], to [Juan Chacón], and to [Mauricio]. Nobody showed up then. After eight days we again waited at the meeting place and [Mauricio] showed up. Before Mauricio

arrived [Dondomita?] took this note to us, which I would like to read. It is dated 21 September 1964. It is a note which [Juan Chacon] sends to comrade Adan, and it reads as follows:

Compañero Comandante: I reiterate to you and the comrades our fraternal greeting and our wishes that you will [word] in a revolutionary manner for the good of the country. This is to ask you to issue instructions for a meeting of the titular leadership of the [FAR]. For that I shall go the place to which you may call me. I make this request because here the substitute command that had been operating since the event at [Siapa] ceased to operate at all for the last thirty days or longer. Also because since you, comrades of the Trece de Noviembre organization, publicly expressed your[word] toward us Communists, there have arisen problems which must be solved if unity is to continue. At a meeting of the titular command, with you in attendance, it shall be seen whether the problems arisen can be overcome or whether they are going to leave us disjointed [desarticulados], as we are now, with reference to the matters of major importance in our movement. Incidentally, the tasks assigned to the comrades as special responsibilities, are being carried out, so that the [FAR] [has been] operating in practice. However, it is not enough for each to carry his immediate tactical responsibilities. Matters [in prospect, or of perspective] have to be attended to, and these in the last few months, as I have said, have not been attended to with the proper authority and have been completely abandoned during the last month.

Fraternal greeting.

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That is all we get as their reply. So in effect they refuse to attend the meetings of the substitute command but want a meeting of the titular command. In that regard, the [several words] a meeting to [take up] the points, this note must be answered. The line that we conclude from this is the same line that they have tried to follow, that everything has been done by a small group, which is the group that is in the [city], that is [it is Rudy] who directly with [Rudy], and that/has "disjointed", as they put it, all functioning of [words]. But now with the conversation held by comrade Adan the whole thing has been clarified and we are strong once more. In any event we have not failed to [ask them], including [several words] with comrade [Luz], so that in case of a meeting [they] would attend. We are ready to attend any meeting to which we are called; [we have] called them three times, and they have failed to attend in all three cases. Therefore we propose that this remain the way it is until we have met there, since [phrase].

These are the only --- the latest news; this courier has to leave. Before we close I shall save up some of the tape for a message comrade Jenaro has asked to be allowed to record. Since I have been working on this he came over and wants to send a greeting. So we shall listen to comrade Jenaro.

One more thing before Jenaro's message. In the event you wish to reply to the memorandum sent by [Juan Chacon], there will no objection on our part. We are at your service there, although [several words] the concrete statement of opinion that [several words]. What they are trying to do is [leave] us alone to see whether we are capable or incapable of continuing. They imagine that we going to be unable to get out even a

bulletin or even less circulate anything, and that we would have to go looking for them. With these tactics of delay and of not attending the meetings they are trying to pressure us, to see --- to make us feel, they think, the need we have of them.

That is not the way the revolution is carried on; that is not the way the process can be advanced. But this we shall discuss up there. However, any decision you up there may want to make after discussion will be acceded to and respected by us.

Again I say farewell, with a fraternal, combative greeting to comrades Adan, Mateo, Marinero, [Sosa], and all the others who are there. Forward, comrades. Good health and good work.. Listen now to comrade [name].

[Another man:]

I greet you warmly, Mateo. I got your affectionate greeting, and we accepted it with love. It is actually [word], the manner, the assurance with which you express yourself, and we are working rather hard here, with great synchronisation and [word] and understanding of comrade [Rudy] and [pushing forward every task]. We are here to give impetus to the process, as you say, and we realize it.

Give my warm greeting to comrade Adan. I got his greeting also on the other recording. Greetings [grandes felicitades; probably congratulations intended] on the sp statement and the interview with the newsmen. Really, the statement and interview reveal great political maturity and demonstrate also the work being done by comrade Mateo with regard to the sharpening up [maduracion] of a team up there among the guerrillas.

To conclude: "abrazos" to both, comrades Mateo and Adan, although I do not have the pleasure of your personal acquaintance, but we are involved in the same enterprise, in the same great task of carrying out the socialist

revolution in Guatemala. Forward, comrades. We shall soon see each other.

En un editorial reciente, Siempre censuró con energía la conducta de nuestras autoridades policíacas en el aeropuerto, por los malos tratos y las vejaciones a que son sometidos los viajeros procedentes de ciertos países, sobre todo de Cuba y de España. Aceptaba nuestra revista como cosa normal la vigilancia sobre visitantes potencialmente peligrosos, pero acu-

saba a las innumerables policías que el mexicano padece de realizar mal esa función o no realizarla en absoluto, a cambio de actuar con una insolencia y una prepotencia intolerables.

Como por encargo, los acontecimientos posteriores han venido a darle a nuestro editorial más razón incluso de la que pretendía tener. El pasado día 7, un norteamericano que responde al nombre de Henry Agüeros Garcés, lanzó una granada de mano contra los talleres del periódico El Día, con intenciones verdaderamente siniestras: la granada fue lanzada en un lugar tal, que sólo la rápida intervención de los trabajadores del diario pudo evitar una catástrofe de incalculables proporciones, de la que no estaría excluida la pérdida de muchas vidas humanas, tanto en el edificio del periódico, como en la zona aledaña.

No se trataba, por otra parte, de un hecho único ni aislado. En fecha anterior, aunque reciente, el Instituto Mexicano-Ruso de Relaciones Culturales sufrió una agresión análoga, y el arma utilizada resultó ser idéntica —según la policía— a la que explotó en el patio de El Día. Casi simultáneamente fue ametrallado el departamento que habitaba el corresponsal de la agencia yugoeslava Tanjug, y sólo la circunstancia de encontrarse en un quinto piso salvó la vida de su esposa, que bañaba a su hijita recién nacida, pues varios proyectiles de grueso calibre entraron por las ventanas y se alojaron en el techo de la habitación. En ambos casos, la lenidad y la indiferencia de la policía fueron evidentes. Ni aparecieron los culpables ni se hicieron investigaciones serias.

Además, somos muchos los mexicanos que, por ocuparnos de cuestiones políticas nacionales e internacionales con un criterio opuesto al del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos, recibimos un alud de amenazas y anónimos injuriosos, tanto por escrito como telefónicamente. La redacción de los anónimos y el lenguaje utilizado indica con claridad que son extranjeros quienes los hacen, y probablemente cubanos contrarrevolucionarios. Por propia experiencia de los ex-

son del dominio público, es indiscutible que decir contrarrevolucionarios cubanos equivale a decir Agencia Central de Inteligencia (CIA) de los Estados Unidos.

La ola de violencia, espionaje y amenazas ha llegado a un punto tal, que motivó una carta del director de la revista Política a las autoridades responsables, exigiendo que se aplique la ley a los autores de tales hechos delictuosos y denunciando los catastróficos efectos que para el país puede tener el tolerarlos. Sin embargo nada se había hecho hasta que se produjo el atentado contra El Día y fue capturado su autor.

Capturado, no como resultado de investigaciones policíacas, sino gracias a la diligencia de un joven obrero de los talleres de El Día, que lo persiguió y le dio alcance. Porque Henry Agüeros Garcés entró en México como Pedro por su casa, no fue molestado por policía alguno, no fue fotografiado en frontera ni aeropuerto, y pudo incluso utilizar un nombre falso para obtener alojamiento en un hotel. ¿Y cómo no? Las vejaciones a ciudadanos extranjeros que nos visitan tienen un reverso: el trato obsequioso y hasta abyecto que se da a los ciudadanos norteamericanos. Esos mismos polizontes que tan groseros y bestiales se muestran con quienes vienen de Cuba o de España son la imagen misma de la amabilidad y la obsecuencia cuando el que llega tiene una tarjeta de turista que lo acredita como norteamericano.

Ser norteamericano es, en México, una patente de corso. Y eso, a pesar de que por la frontera norte o en los vuelos internacionales que del norte proceden llega a México la peor gentuza. Hágase una estadística de los delitos cometidos en nuestro país por extranjeros, y se verá que los yanquis se llevan la palma, con cifras imposibles de igualar, y con crímenes cuya degradación moral es también inigualable. Todo lo cual prueba hasta qué punto era justa la censura a la policía que hacía SIEMPRE! en su editorial ya citado: es una policía que injuria, humilla y veja, pero que no investiga los delitos reales y mucho menos es capaz de prevenirlos.

Queda por aclarar hasta dónde esas innumerables policías mexicanas —ilegales y por eso imposibles de controlar legalmente— están penetradas por la CIA, la FBI, y otras agencias extranjeras dedicadas al terrorismo, al espionaje y a sembrar la zozobra en todas partes. Queda por aclarar hasta dónde de ese norte revuelto y brutal que nos desprecia, como decía Martí, es el que verdaderamente dirige a polizontes cuyos sueldos legales difícilmente justifican el derroche y el lujo en el que viven. Quedan por aclarar muchas cosas, si de verdad se quiere cumplir la promesa de que se va a combatir la delincuencia organizada.

MILO-Galan, Victor aka

201-336474

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24 February 1965

VICTOR RICO GALAN (201-336474)

1. DPOB: 6 February 1928; El Ferrol, Spain. Subject, Spanish by birth, became a Mexican citizen by naturalization on 15 March 1949.
2. CIVIL STATUS: Subject is married to Ingeborg DIENER de Rico.
3. ADDRESS: Providencia 930, Mexico City, D. F. Telephone number as of September 1964: 23 07 92. This phone is registered in the name of his mother-in-law, Tilli PICHER viuda de Diener, whose address is also Providencia 930.
4. OCCUPATION: Writer for Siempre and Politica magazines in Mexico City; both are effective Communist-leaning magazines and have large circulation.
5. PHOTOGRAPH: Available in Subject's 201 file (date of photograph October 1963).
6. POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS AND DECLARATIONS: As of 1962 Subject was the head of the National Press and Propaganda Committee of the National Liberation Movement (MLN) in Mexico City, a rabidly anti-U.S. and pro-Castro organization. Subject is close to Fidel Castro and company, and is considered as a Cuban "agent" (degree of Cuban control unknown). Subject was a founding member of the MLN. In an article in Siempre in March 1963 he advocated the foundation of a new political party reflecting the ideology of General Lazaro Cardenas, leftist former President of Mexico. This would have provided, in his belief, the Mexican left a political organization truly responsive to the radical tendencies of the 1910 revolution. This was necessary because the MLN, whose membership covers the spectrum of Mexican Communist Party to PRI, could not take open political stands without antagonizing some of the membership. The new party would have represented a "third position", socialism in internal affairs and independence of any bloc in international affairs. With a party such as this as its political action arm, the MLN would have developed naturally into a broad national movement such as the FRAP in Chile. (Some specious reasoning here.)
7. TRAVEL:
  - A) To Cuba:
    - 1) July 1962 - return date unknown
    - 2) 2 October 1962 - returned Mexico December 1962
    - 3) 25 May 1963 - returned Mexico 22 June 1963
    - 4) 28 January 1964 - returned Mexico 25 February 1964

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D) Others:

- 1) Arrived Guatemala City 3 (8?) October 1963
- 2) Arrived Tegucigalpa 11 October 1963; left 13 October 1963
- 3) Arrived Managua 13 October 1963; left 17 October 1963
- 4) Arrived San Jose 17 October 1963; left 20 October 1963
- 5) Arrived Panama City 20 October 1963; left 22 October 1963
- 6) Arrived Caracas 22 October 1963; left 12 November 1963
- 7) Arrived Rio de Janeiro 12 November 1963
- 8) Arrived Buenos Aires 4 December 1963; left 12 December 1963
- 9) Arrived Santiago 12 December 1963; left 16 December 1963
- 10) Arrived Lima 17 December 1963
- 11) Arrived La Paz 17 December 1963; left 20 December 1963
- 12) Arrived Lima 20 December 1963
- 13) Departed Morida 8 January 1964
- 14) Arrived Santo Domingo 8 January 1964 (via Kingston); left 15 January 1964 for Mexico City (via Kingston)

Ingeborg Diener de RICO Galan, Subject's wife, traveled from Mexico to Cuba in November 1962. Subject was at that time in Cuba.

8. PASSPORT: Subject formerly carried Mexican passport number 57115, with Cuban courtesy visas. On 9 September 1963 Subject was issued Mexican passport number 56341 (or 53641).
9. ACTIVITIES: The reason for the October 1962 trip to Cuba was ostensibly to gather material for a political biography of Fidel Castro. The May/June 1963 trip was to interview Fidel Castro after his return from the Soviet Union. Subject claimed that he had spent eight days with Fidel during that visit, five of those aboard ship.  
  
On 24 October 1963 HYSAGR-1 in Panama City reported that Subject had received an operational assignment from Castro (during the May/June 1963 visit to Habana) on which to travel through Central and South America. His mission was to persuade leftist parties to immediately begin acts of sabotage and violence, and to try to maintain these in order to take pressure off Venezuela. Subject was also instructed to bring about better unity among competing leftist factions to ensure greater impact for their work. Subject did, in fact, contact many Communist Party and leftist leaders during his Central and South America travel during the period October 1963 - January 1964. From the (fragmentary) reporting on Subject from October 1963 through January 1964 it appears that he did discuss the question of leftist unity.
10. In October 1964 the Guatemalan authorities captured a number of tape recordings from the guerrillas in operations subsequent to a guerrilla attack on a garrison in Panzos, Alta Verapaz. Included in these tapes was one made by RICO Galan for delivery to the guerrillas. It consists mainly of an exhortation for unity (among the PGT and the 13 November Group)

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1. LIFEAT COVERAGE RICO GALAN FROM 1325 5 MAY TO 0625 6 MAY.

A. VALENTIN (PRESUMABLY VALENTIN IVANOVICH KHICHOV) TO  
RICO, WHO IS NOT IN.

B. JOVAN MIRIC AND RICO: MIRIC ASKS RICO HOW SITUATION

LOOKS TO HIM. RICO DOES NOT THINK THEY (U.S.) WILL LEAVE THERE

CD.R.) MIRIC THINKS WILL BE A LONG TERM THING. RICO ASKS IF GAS  
WILL APPROVE THE FORCE THERE. MIRIC SAYS YES THEY HAVE THE MAJORITY  
OF VOTES; SINCE D.R. DOES NOT VOTE NOTHING CAN BE DONE. RICO  
THINKS DOMINICANS ARE HANDLING THINGS WELL. MIRIC THINKS THIS  
CEASE FIRE IS DANGEROUS ... THINGS QUIET DOWN ... A COUP D'ETAT  
COULD TAKE PLACE. MIRIC IS GOING TO BE VERY BUSY WITH CEPAL MEETING  
STARTING TOMORROW. MIRIC SAYS ONE CAN GET ACCREDITED TO GO

INTO SESSIONS. IF HE IS NOT ACCREDITED, CAN GET MATERIALS.

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1. IN DICHOTOMY BETWEEN PRESS PLAY AND LIAISON WE WOULD OPT FOR LIAISON THIS CASE WITH SUGGESTION TO FUBRIAR-7 THAT MATERIAL BE PASSED TO FREI AND FURTHER COMMENT THAT WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IF GOC WISHED USE FOR PRESS PLAY. THIS WOULD END ANY OPPORTUNITY WE WOULD HAVE FOR EVENTUAL UNILATERAL PRESS PLAY (EXCEPT FOR REPLAY OTHER STATIONS PLACEMENTS). GIVEN PRESENT STATE OF CHILEAN/CUBAN RELATIONS CHANCES FIFTY-FIFTY GOC MAY CHOOSE PLAY SO WE CAN HAVE CAKE AND EAT IT.

2. AS NOTED REF B OUR PLOY IS TO USE MATERIAL TO PERSUADE FUBRIAR-7 OF NEED TO ASSIGN AT LEAST TWO FULL TIME OFFICERS TO NUT GROUP AGENT RECRUITMENT IN LINE WITH OUR AGREED POSITION THAT NUT GROUP COVERAGE MORE ECONOMICALLY AND EFFECTIVELY HANDLED BY FUBRIARS IF CAN BE PERSUADED TAKE MATTER SERIOUSLY. WISH GO ONE ADDITIONAL STEP AND OFFER

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TRAIN TWO SELECTED OFFICERS (IF FUBRIAR-7 GOES ALONG) IN  
ZRMETAL AT EARLIEST DATE.

3. REQUEST HQS REACTION ABOVE PROPOSAL SOONEST. IN  
INTERIM STATION WILL BEGIN PUTTING MATERIAL TOGETHER.

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Rico Galán, incomunicación.

Hasta el sábado 20, la situación fue muy confusa en torno a las detenciones efectuadas por la policía del DF —el viernes 12— bajo los cargos de subversión y acopio de armas, entonces aún no configurados como delitos específicos. El paso del asunto a la Procuraduría General de la República y la consignación de ésta al juez segundo de Distrito del DF en Matamoros Penal, puso en claro, por ejemplo cuántos y quiénes son exactamente los detenidos. Las versiones atribuían números variables de acusados, quienes por fin, ante el juez, resultaron 46 por lo que se refiere a los que permanecieron más de una semana en los separes de la Jefatura de Policía.

A medida que pasaban los días —cada jornada salpicada por un amplio boletín de prensa de la Jefatura de la Policía— se fueron conociendo detalles, siempre pesados por el tamiz de los órganos

policíacos, para quienes su actividad había de fundarse en el mayor acopio de hechos y declaraciones. Se vio entonces que las tendencias y actividades expuestas incluso en las informaciones policíacas no eran igualmente graves ni reprimibles, en el mismo grado desde el momento en que 17 de los apresados quedaron en libertad el sábado 20; otros 20 serían juzgados por el único delito de conspiración, con derecho a obtener inmediatamente la libertad, mediante fianzas variables; y 9, los consignados por tres delitos: conspiración, incitación a la conspiración y acopio de armas, quedarían presos a disposición del juez que dictaría el auto de formal prisión, sin el beneficio de la libertad provisional en ningún caso.

Las informaciones de la Policía resumían las impugnaciones a la existencia de un grupo llamado Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo, que, en dos casas alquiladas —llamadas una "escuela Hidalgo", la otra "escuela Morelos"—, en las cuáles —decía— se hablaba de la organización de la lucha armada para el derrocamiento del gobierno de México. Nuestro colaborador Víctor Rico Galán y el Lic. Raúl Ugaldé —quien fue dirigente del Frente Electoral del Pueblo— eran señalados como los dirigentes y principales responsables. La policía hablaba también de prácticas de tiro, y con alarde de su eficacia, daba cuenta de que tenía en sus manos el asunto y a los participantes, desde hacía 5 meses. A no pocas de los detenidos se les mencionaba como declarantes contra Rico Galán, al indicárselo por ellos como responsable principal. Incluso se dijo que la hermana de nuestro colaborador, la señora Ana María Rico Galán, había declarado contra éste inculpándolo de ser quien le explicó el manejo de armas.

Un amparo interpuesto por el abogado Juan Manuel Gómez Gutiérrez, mediante el cual un juez dictó la suspensión provisional de los actos, determinando que los detenidos quedaran a su disposición embrolló momentáneamente las cosas desde el punto de vista jurídico, por cuanto los retenía en los separes de la Jefatura, donde hubieron de acudir los funcionarios y actuarios de la Procuraduría. Sólo el desistimiento del amparo podía encomendar a los 9 consignados sin derecho a libertad provisional, y a los 20 que no hubieran presentado las fianzas, a la cárcel preventiva de la ciudad.

El juez segundo de Distrito, Lic. Rafael Pérez Miravete, con apoyo en la consignación y en las respectivas tipificaciones de delitos hechos por la Procuraduría General, comenzó a despachar la fase de declaraciones preparatorias. La mayoría de los indicados no aceptaron co-

mo suyas las declaraciones presentadas por la Policía, aunque estaban calculadas con las respectivas firmas. Habían rendido estas declaraciones en condiciones morales terribles, bajo incomunicación, en diligencias que duraron toda una semana. El Lic. Ugaldé aceptó toda la responsabilidad. Él era el fundador del Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo, su dirigente principal, y había comenzado por elaborar documentos que abordan los problemas económicos y sociales del país. Ugaldé había invitado a nuestro colaborador Víctor Rico Galán, a su hermana y a otras personas, a formar parte de esas discusiones que se hacían en las mencionadas "escuelas". Ugaldé afirmó que el MRP es "una organización lícita, creada en ejercicio de derechos constitucionales irrenunciables".

Nuestro colega Rico Galán se negó a declarar el sábado 20. No lo haría hasta que no pudiera hablar con su abogado, y lo fuera totalmente levantada la incomunicación. Rico dijo: "He estado 8 días incomunicado, salvo algunos minutos en que por un amparo dictado por el juez primero de Distrito, se me permitió hablar con mi esposa, pero con un testigo, un agente de la Jefatura de Policía; por tanto, no estoy en condiciones de declarar hasta poder hablar con mis abogados". Víctor se quejó también de haber estado 36 horas sin comer en un separe sin agua; de haber sido víctima de presiones morales, como la detención de su hermano Fernando —enfermo del corazón— quien, por cierto, estaba ya entre los 17 que habían puesto en libertad. Esta comunicación de Rico Galán con el exterior produjo en él emociones naturales, al conocer, por primera vez, qué otras personas estaban detenidas y por qué. Rico Galán no fue detenido en las "escuelas" donde según la policía había armas y una bomba, sino en el aeropuerto cuando iba a despedir a su hermano Fernando, quien viajaba a Cuba, para residir allí definitivamente.

El lunes 22 de agosto, los consignados debían pasar a la cárcel preventiva. Al entrar el proceso en términos de mayor normalidad, y cauces de ley, la opinión pública esperaba conocer mejor qué había, en realidad, en el fondo de lo que fue considerado como una "conspiración" por la policía, y hasta qué punto se estaban o no violando derechos individuales y constitucionales.

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1. PURSUANT REF, FOLLOWING IS SYNOPSIS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN RICO GALAN CASE, FOLLOWING UP BASIC INFO RELAYED PER REF PARA 2.

2. IN 16 AUGUST PRESS RELEASE MEXICO CITY POLICE STATED THAT 6 OF THE 49 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR SUBVERSION HAD ADMITTED CONDUCTING A SCHOOL OF GUERRILLA WARFARE AIMED AT OVERTHROWING THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. IN SEPARATE RELEASE POLICE ISSUED EXTRACTS OF STATEMENTS QUOTED THE SIX AS SAYING THEIR SCHOOL HELD CLASSES IN TERRORISM, ECONOMICS AND POLITICS. RAUL UGALDE ALVAREZ, WHO, TOGETHER WITH VICTOR RICO GALAN, WAS ONE OF TWO LEADERS OF THE CONSPIRATORIAL GROUP, ADMITTED GUERRILLA SCHOOL WAS ORGANIZED AND RUN BY CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATION CALLED "MOVIMIENTO REVOLUCIONARIO DEL PUEBLO," WHOSE TACTICS INCLUDED USE OF VIOLENT MEANS TO PRODUCE A "POPULAR AND DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION" IN MEXICO.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT BY POLICE RE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OF VICTOR RICO GALAN:

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"TUVO CONCOCIMIENTO DE LA INTEGRACION DE LAS ESCUELAS DENOMINADAS HIDALGO Y MORELOS, DONDE VIVIAN DIVERSAS PERSONAS, PRINCIPALMENTE DE ORIGEN CAMPESINO. EL LICENCIADO RAUL UGALDE LO INVITO A LA INAUGURACION DE LAS MIMAS, PERO QUE NO PUDO ASISTIR POR ENFERMEDAD. POSTERIORMENTE, A INSTANCIAS DEL LICENCIADO UGALDE, ACEPTO DAR PLATICAS DIARIAS, EN LAS CITADAS ESCUELAS, SOBRE ECONOMIA POLITICA, SOBRE EL MOVIMIENTO REVOLUCIONARIO INTERNACIONAL Y SOBRE LA NECESIDAD DE UNA TRANSFORMACION DEL GOBIERNO ACTUAL, RECURRIENDO A LA VIOLENCIA Y A LA LUCHA ARMADA, SIEMPRE Y CUANDO EL GOBIERNO LLEGARA A EJERCER UNA PRESION CONTRA EL PUEBLO DE CARACTER VIOLENTO.

" ACEPTO HABER USADO EL SEUDONIMO DE 'MARIO'.

"EN SUS PLATICAS HIZO ALUSION A SUS EXPERIENCIAS EN LA GUERRA DE GUERRILLAS ADQUIRIDA EN SU CALIDAD DE PERIODISTA CUANDO ESTUVO EN GUATEMALA, VENEZUELA, SANTO DOMINGO Y NICARAGUA.

"LAS EXPLICACIONES QUE EL DIO A LOS ASISTENTES A DICHAS ESCUELAS SOBRE LA INTENSIDAD DESTRUCTIVA DE LA DINAMITA Y EL USO DEL PLASTICO QUE COMO EXPLOSIVO USABAN LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS DE LIBERACION NACIONAL EN VENEZUELA, FUE DEBIDO A QUE LOS ALUMNOS LO INTERROGARON RESPECTO AL USO DE BOMBAS MOLOTOV Y OTROS EXPLOSIVOS.

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INSTRUYO A LOS ALUMNOS SOBRE EL ARME Y DESARME DE LOS MISMOS.

"MANIFESTO ADEMAS QUE DESDE EL PUNTO DE VISTA INMEDIATO ES NECESARIO UNA TRANSFORMACION DEMOCRATICA DEL GOBIERNO MEXICANO Y, DE NO SER ASI, EN FORMA MEDIATA UTILIZANDO LA VIOLENCIA ARMADA."

4. ACCORDING TO OTHER STATEMENTS MADE BY THE CONSPIRATORS, THE RICO GALAN GROUP USED BOOK ON GUERRILLA WARFARE BY CHE GUEVARA IN THEIR CLASS DISCUSSIONS. ALONG WITH THEORETICAL INSTRUCTION THE GROUP WAS GIVEN LESSONS ON DISSASSEMBLING AND ASSEMBLING PISTOLS AND RIFLES, MANUFACTURE AND USE OF MOLOTOV COCKTAILS, TIME BOMBS AND PLASTIC BOMBS OF MURIATIC ACID. REFERENCES TO GUERRILLA EXPERIENCES IN GUATEMALA, VENEZUELA, SANTO DOMINGO AND NICARAGUA WERE MADE DURING THE COURSES. ONE MEMBER OF THE GROUP, A FARMER, TESTIFIED HE HAD BEEN PAID TO ATTEND THE COURSES AND PREVENTED FROM LEAVING THE RESIDENCE WHERE THE CLASSES WERE GIVEN.

⑤ ON 22 AUGUST A MEXICO CITY JUDGE RETURNED INDICTMENTS AGAINST 27 OF THE ACCUSED PLOTTERS. NINE OF THE RINGLEADERS WERE INDICTED ON THREE COUNTS OF CONSPIRACY, INCITEMENT TO REBELLION AND ACCUMULATION OF ARMS. SENTENCES ON THESE COUNTS COULD TOTAL UP TO 12 YEARS IN PRISON FOR EACH OF THE NINE. THE NINE WERE VICTOR RICO GALAN, RAUL UGALDE ALVAREZ, YANA MARIA RICO GALAN (VICTOR'S SISTER) **SECRET**

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CARLOS AGUILERA DELGADILLO, GILBERTO BALAM PEREYRA, DR. MIGUEL CRUZ RUIZ, GUMERSINDO GOMEZ CUEVAS, DR. ROLD MAINERS HUEBNER AND ISAIAS ROJAS DELGADO. IN HANDLING DOWN THESE INDICTMENTS THE JUDGE STATED THAT THE CHARGES AGAINST THESE NINE BY THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE WERE PROVEN BEYOND A DOUBT. FOLLOWING MEXICAN LEGAL PROCEDURES, THE FINAL VERDICT ON THESE NINE WILL BE HANDED DOWN BEFORE THE END OF TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD FOLLOWING THEIR ARREST. OF THE REMAINING 27 ARRESTEES, 12 WERE HELD ON 100,000 PESO BAIL ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY AND TWO WERE RELEASED.

6. SUPPLEMENTING ABOVE, POUCHING ADDEES 30 AUGUST FULL TEXT OF COURT STATEMENTS AGAINST RICO GALAN AND CO-CONSPIRATORS.

7. TO HELP ADDEES TAILOR RICO GALAN CASE TO LOCAL SITUATIONS, PER MEXICO CITY 8354 PARA 2-B, STATION ALSO POUCHING WITH PARA 6 TEXT COPIES OF "PORTRAIT OF A CASTRO-COMMUNIST," A SIX-PAGE BIOGRAPHIC HISTORY OF RICO GALAN, AS OF AUGUST 1955, IN WHICH HIS CONNECTIONS WITH CASTRO AND LA GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS ARE DESCRIBED. ADDEES CAN SELECT AND USE THIS MATERIAL FREELY IN PROP PLACEMENT OR VIA LIAISON, BUT IN LATTER CASE VERBATIM PASSAGE SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

8. FOLLOWING ELEMENTS IN RICO GALAN CASE APPEAR PROVIDE GOOD PEGS FOR ADDEE EXPLOITATION GEARED TO "CASTRO EXPORTS REVOLUTION"

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THEME:

A. RICO GALAN HAS BEEN EXPOSED AS ONE OF CASTRO'S MOST IMPORTANT AGENTS AND CHANNELS FOR FORMENTING REVOLUTION AGAINST DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN LATIN AMERICA. HIS PAST ACTIVITIES INDICATE HE REGARDED MEXICO ONLY AS A BASE OF OPS, A SPRINGBOARD, FOR LARGER HEMISPHERE OPERATIONS ON BEHALF CASTRO.

B. ALTHOUGH RICO GALAN AND HIS GROUP HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED VARIOUSLY AS CASTROITE, TROTSKYITE AND PRO-CHICOM, HIS CLOSE AND INTIMATE CONTACTS WITH LOCAL CUBAN EMBASSY AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS INDICATE HIS CONTINUING LOYALTY AND ADHERANCE TO CASTRO IN THIS CONNECTION A CURRENT MEXICAN NEWSPAPER ITEM DISCLOSED THAT RICO GALAN WAS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH CASTRO AS FAR BACK AS 1956, WHEN CASTRO AND HIS FOLLOWERS WERE HIDING OUT IN MEXICO AND UNDERGOING TRAINING IN GUERRILLA TACTICS AT A RANCH NEAR AYOTZINGO IN MEXICO. THIS AYOTZINGO GROUP LATER FORMED THE EXPEDITION THAT SAILED ON THE "GRANMA" FROM TAMPICO, MEXICO, AND ULTIMATELY OVERTHREW THE BATISTA GOVERNMENT.

C. A NEWS REPORT FROM CARACAS REPLAYED LOCALLY STATES THAT THE VENEZUELAN JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION (ASOCIACION VENEZOLANA DE PERIODISTAS) HAS SENT A TELEGRAM TO MEXICAN PRESIDENT GUSTAVO

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DIAZ ORDAZ, PROTESTING RICO GALAN'S ARREST. THE LOCAL NEWS ITEMS QUOTED "INFORMED PERSONS" IN MEXICO TO EFFECT THAT ELEAZAR DIAZ RANGEL, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, IS A MEMBER OF THE VENEZUELAN COMMUNIST PARTY WHO WAS RECENTLY RELEASED FROM SAN CARLOS MILITARY PRISON IN VENEZUELA WHERE HE WAS IMPRISONED ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRING AGAINST THE LEONI GOVERNMENT. CARACAS STATION MAY BE ABLE TO ELABORATE ON DIAZ RANGEL -- RICO GALAN TIE TO DOCUMENT HEMISPHERIC IMPLICATIONS OF RICO GALAN CASE.

D. COMMON PEG FOR ADDEE EXPLOITATION IS FACT THAT RICO GALAN CONSPIRACY, LIKE OTHER SIMILAR RECENT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN OTHER LA COUNTRIES, WAS APPARENTLY HATCHED AND GUIDED BY TRI-CONTINENT CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS AND IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS EMANATING FROM HAVANA. FOLLOWING EXCERPTS FROM LEAD EDITORIAL IN 19 AUGUST EDITION OF PROMINENT MEXICO CITY DAILY NOVEDADES MAY SERVE AS PEG FOR ADDEE TIE-IN WITH LOCAL JMFRACAS ACTIONS. TITLED "ARTIFICO Y FONDO DE UNA CONJURA," EDITORIAL STATES: "LA INFORMACION QUE AYER PROPORCIONO NOVEDADES ACERCA DE QUE LOS TERRORISTAS SINDICADOS -- CON PRUEBAS TAN ABUNDANTES QUE LLEGAN HASTA LA CONFESION -- DE PRETENDER ATENTAR CONTRA LAS INSTITUCIONES Y SERVICIOS OFICIALES Y PRIVADOS, HABIAN SIDO YA PUESTOS A DISPOSICION DE LA PROCURADURIA

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GENERAL DE LA REPUBLICA, NO CIERRA, SINO APENAS INAUGURA UN NUEVO CAPITULO PROCESAL DE ESTE PROGRAMA EXTREMISTA. NO PUEDE PREVERSE LO QUE SAQUEN A LUZ LAS INVESTIGACIONES JUDICIALES EN CUANTO A CONEXIONES E IMPLICACIONES; PERO LO EVIDENTE ES QUE NO SE PUEDE NI SE DEBE TOMAR COMO UN HECHO SIN IMPORTANCIA, O JOCOSO, O INGENUO, LA ACTIVIDAD DE ESTE GRUPO DE CONJURADOS, PORQUE YA HABIAN LOGRADO ENFOCAR SU INTREPIDA ACCION CONTRA LOS SERVICIOS Y EL ORDEN PUBLICOS, PLANES DE TERRORISMO DIRIGIDOS CONTRA LA TRANQUILIDAD Y EL BIENESTAR DE TODOS LOS MEXICANOS...NO ES EXACTAMENTE CIERTO QUE MEXICO ESTE AL MARGEN DE LOS PROGRAMAS SUBVERSIVOS INTERNACIONALES. LOS CASOS DE VENEZUELA, GUATEMALA, PERU Y OTROS, ARROJAN SUFICIENTE CLARIDAD SOBRE LOS LINEAMIENTOS ESTABLECIDOS EN EL EXTERIOR PARA PERTURBA EL ORDEN SOCIAL Y POLITICO Y PONER A LATINOAMERICA ENTERA EN CONDICIONES SUBVERSIVAS. EN EL FONDO SO SE HA DESCUBIERTO NADA EN CONDICIONES SUBVERSIVAS. EN EL FONDO SO SE HA DESCUBIERTO NADA QUE NO SE SUPIERA YA, PORQUE NO SON UN SECRETO, NI MUCHO MENOS, LOS PLANES DE TERROR ADOPTADOS EN LA CELEBRE CONFERENCIA TRICONTINENTAL DE LA HABANA, AUSPICIADA POR CASTRO EN ENERO DE ESTE AÑO. CUALQUIERA PUEDE ENTERARSE DE ESAS DIRECTRICES, QUE BUSCAN PESCAR EN EL RIO REVUELTO DEL CAOS, PORQUE HAN TENIDO SUFICIENTE PUELICIDAD."

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E. GUATEMALA CITY STATION EMPHASIS ON RICO GALAN'S 1964 TRIP TO GUATEMALA AND CONTACT WITH YON SOSA WOULD BE DESIRABLE AS BASIS OTHER STATION PICK-UP AND REPLAY TO DOCUMENT RICO GALAN'S ACTIVIST ROLE AS CASTRO AGENT USING MEXICO AS BASE OF OPS. SIMILARLY, RICO GALAN TRIPS TO PANAMA, GUATEMALA, COSTA RICA, VENEZUELA, NICARAGUA, BRAZIL (IN 1963) AND HIS INVOLVEMENT IN DOMINICAN REEELLION (BEGINNING JAN 1964) MAY PROVIDE PEGS FOR OTHER STATION FOLLOW-UP AND EXPLOITATION. DETAILS THESE ASPECTS INCLUDED IN PARA 7 "PORTRAIT" OF RICO GALAN BEING POUCHED ADDEES.

F. ADDEE EXPLOTITATION SHOULD INCLUDE CONGRATULATORY COMMENTS ON SWIFT AND EFFICIENT ACTION TAKEN BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES AGAINST RICO GALAN CONSPIRACY. MANNER IN WHICH MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAS NIPPED THIS SUBVERSIVE GROUP IN BUD SHOULD SERVE AS EXAMPLE FOR OTHER LA GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED WITH DEFENSE OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, AT SAME TIME, FACT THAT RICO GALAN GROUP AIMED AT VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT SHOWS THAT CASTRO HAS ADDED MEXICO TO LIST OF TRI-CONTINENT TARGETS IN LATIN AMERICA. FACT THAT MEXICO IS ONLY LA COUNTRY MAINTAINING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA AND IS SERVING CASTRO WELL AS OPEN DOOR TO ENABLE CASTRO TO CHANNEL REVOLUTION TO OTHER CENTRAL AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES DOES NOT

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APPEAR TO HAVE EXEMPTED MEXICO FROM CUBAN-DIRECTED SUBVERSION AIMED AT EXPORTING CASTRO'S REVOLUTION TO MEXICO ITSELF. IN LIGHT RICO GALAN CASE, MEXICAN GOVERNMENT IS COMPLETELY JUSTIFIED IN TAKING ANOTHER HARD LOOK AT THE SO-CALLED ADVANTAGES OF MAINTAINING RELATIONS WITH CASTRO.

9. WILL ADVISE ADDEES ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS RICO GALAN CASE WHICH MAY PROVIDE BASIS FOLLOW-UP REPLAY AND EXPLOITATION YOUR AREAS. REQUESTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER INFO OR ELABORATION ON ASPECTS OF CASE WHICH MAY BE APPLICABLE SPECIFIC ADDEE SITUATIONS WOULD BE WELCOME. ADVISE ACTIONS TAKEN. RELAY ALL CLIPS LATERALLY AND MEXICO CITY FOR POSSIBLE LOCAL REPLAY.

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COUNTRY	Mexico	REPORT NO.	CS-311/11736-66
SUBJECT	Treatment of Victor Rico Galen, Imprisoned Leftist Journalist	DATE DISTR.	29 August 1966
		NO. PAGES	1
		REFERENCES	

DATE OF INFO. PLACE & DATE ACQ. 12-17 August 1966 Mexico, Mexico City (18 August 1966)

FIELD REPORT NO. HMM-10619

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**SOURCE:** Mexican intellectual who is a personal friend of Victor Rico Galan, with whom he disagrees politically. Source has reported infrequently on Rico Galan's activities. The reported information was obtained both from Mrs. Rico Galan and from Francisco Martinez de la Vega.

1. Francisco Martinez de la Vega, writer for Siempre, Mexican leftist magazine, said that Colonel Eduardo Estrada Ojeda, in the police headquarters where Victor Rico Galan and others were being held after their arrest on charges of subversion, had been instructed to permit Rico Galan to receive packages from his wife.
2. Elena Garro, writer, told Mrs. Rico Galan that she was going to speak to Minister of Interior Luis Echeverria to persuade him to ensure that Rico Galan would not be manhandled by the police during the interrogation.
3. She, also, expressed scepticism about the whole affair, saying that it was a farce and that she believed that many of those arrested with Victor had been paid to make the statements attributed to them.

Field Comment: An unsigned article titled "New Conspiracy?" appeared on page 8 of Siempre. It presented briefly an account of the arrest of and charges against Rico Galan; belittled what it termed the periodic paroxysms of patriotism which seize the Mexican police and lead to such arrests; then went on to suggest that Rico Galan, a political journalist accustomed to expressing his ideas in signed articles, could hardly be thought of as a conspirator. The article concluded with a plea for respect both for Rico Galan's constitutional rights and for the rights of a free journalism.

Headquarters Comment: This article appeared in issue no. 687, dated 24 August 1966, of Siempre.

1. Elena Garro, Mexican playwright and novelist, was formerly married to Octavio Paz Lozano, prominent Mexican poet.

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1. FOLLOWING WILL BE SENT 30 AUGUST BROADCAST. BEGIN  
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 ESTA PEPE TOCAVA SALIENDO CON ANNIE CUENDOZ Y QUE SERIO SON  
 SUS RELACIONES CON ELLA X QUIENES SON LOS OTROS CONTACTOS  
 IMPORTANTES DE ELLA X EN RELACION A SU MENSAJE DOCE 3 QUIENES  
 SON LOS DIRECTOS VENEZOLANOS QUE SE REUNIERON CON PEPE EL  
 AÑO PASADO Y QUE PLANES DISCUTIERON X APOZOS" END AGENT  
 MESSAGE.

2. TRANSLATION: THREE TWO X NEW REQUIREMENTS X SEND US  
 ANY REACTION YOUR OFFICE HAD ON THE ARREST OF VICTOR RICO GALAN  
 X IS PEPE STILL DATING ANNIE CUENDOZ AND HOW SERIOUS IS HIS  
 RELATIONSHIP WITH HER X WHO ARE HER OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS X  
 RE YOUR MESSAGE INVOLVE X WHO ARE THE VENEZUELAN LEADERS THAT  
 CAME MET LAST YEAR AND WHAT WERE THE PLANS THAT WERE DISCUSSED X  
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Chief of Station, Santo Domingo

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Acting Chief, WH Division

EMFOR-1/Victor RICO Galan

Action Required: See below  
Reference : HDC-3048 (not sent Mexico)

1. Attached are two pictures of Victor RICO Galan. Headquarters requests that the Station ask EMFOR-1 if this is the same individual as the subject of Paragraph 6 of the Reference.

2. If the pictures are identified as the subject of Paragraph 6 of the Reference, Headquarters requests that EMFOR-1 and other Station sources be queried for all available information concerning the Subject's activities and contacts while in the Dominican Republic as well as all possible travel information.

*EPT*  
Eugene P. TANGUIST

Attachment: (herewith)  
2 pictures  
Pages 1 & 2 HDC-3048

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SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:			
<p>LIREBEL/1 obtained the reported information both from Rolando Collado Ardon and from his professional contacts.</p>			
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COUNTRY Mexico/Guatemala  
REPORT NO HMW-10,629  
SUBJECT Reaction of Guatemalan Exile Leaders in Mexico to the Arrest of Victor Rico Galan  
DATE OF REPORT 25 August 1966  
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REFERENCES

DATE OF INFO 18 August 1966  
PLACE & DATE ACQ Mexico, Mexico City (18 August 1966)

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION. SOURCE GRADINGS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

SOURCE: Guatemalan professional man, former member of a guerrilla organization in Guatemala, who is believed to have good access to Guatemalan exiles in Mexico.

1. Rolando Collado Ardon, leader of the Guatemalan exile community in Mexico and a member of the Guatemalan Communist Party (PGT - Partido Guatemalteco del Trabajo) said that the arrest of Victor Rico Galan on charges of subversion was a good thing for the PGT. Collado was referring to Rico Galan's influence on Guatemalan guerrilla leader Marco Antonio Yon Sosa. According to Collado, Rico Galan prevented the PGT from persuading Yon Sosa to join the Party in 1963 because of Rico's Trotskyist interference and the aid he gave to Yon Sosa at the time.<sup>1</sup>
2. Medical doctors Miguel Cruz Ruiz and Rolf Meiner Huebner, two of those arrested with Rico Galan, have been associated with Rico since early 1965. Both were very much involved in the medical doctors' strikes of late 1964 which continued into 1965. When the strikes were finally settled both Cruz Ruiz and Meiner Huebner were dismissed from their jobs at the Social Security Hospital at Cuauhtemoc 330. They went directly to Rico Galan who put them to work, mainly writing medical articles for the magazine Sucesos for which Rico Galan worked.<sup>2</sup>
3. Rico Galan sent both Cruz Ruiz and Meiner Huebner to Cuba in 1965 and both are well indoctrinated Communists.<sup>3</sup> However, neither belongs to any Communist Party or organization. Both, as well as Dr. Jorge Velez Trejo, also very active during the medical strikes, have traveled through Latin America making

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contact with medical groups and attempting to inspire them to anti-government activity in their respective countries.<sup>4</sup> Also, while Cruz Ruiz and Meiner Ruebner were working for Rico Galan at Sucehon they were giving clauses in revolutionary activities to groups organized by Rico Galan.

Field Comments

1. In October-November 1963, Rico Galan, ostensibly as a purely journalistic exercise, went to Guatemala where he interviewed Yon Sosa in the guerrilla leader's camp.
2. HMM-9896 presents an overall picture of the medical strike situation.
3. HMM-10,163 reported that Rico Galan arranged passages for Mexican doctors who attended a medical congress in Havana in February 1966.
4. HMM-10,164 reports on the Central American activities of Drs. Meiner and Velez Trejo.

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1. IN ADDITION HMMA-26313 AND HMMA-26800, STATION FILES CONTAIN FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES VICTOR RICO GALAN (VRG) PRIOR 1962:

A. HMM-1433 REPORTED THAT MARIO EZCURDIA, DIRECTOR OF LEFTIST MAGAZINE AL DIA, TOLD LIFTER/3 THAT VRG WAS ONE OF FOUR MARXISTS ADDED TO STAFF OF AL DIA 1 JANUARY 1956.

B. IN HMM-2323 LIFEAT/LINERICK REPORTED THAT VRG INVITED TO ATTEND RECEPTION AT SOVIET EMBASSY, MEXICO CITY IN NOVEMBER 1956.

C. IN HMM-2454 LIFTER/8 REPORTED THAT IN FEBRUARY 1957 VRG WAS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF LA GAZETA DE MEXICO NEW MAGAZINE PUBLISHED BY THE BURO DE INVESTIGACION POLITICA (BIP), HEADED BY COMMUNIST HORACIO QUINONES.

D. ON 9 JULY 1959 LITMUS REPORTED THAT VRG WAS A CONTACT OF UMANISLAW RACZKA, EMPLOYEE OF PRESS AND PROPAGANDA SECTION OF POLISH LEGATION IN MEXICO CITY.

E. HMMA-15203 REPORTED IN JUNE 1960 THAT ALEXSANDR

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SEXIER, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER AND COUNSELOR POLISH EMBASSY MEXICO CITY, ARRANGED TO MEET CARLO COCCIOLI, ITALIAN PRO-COMMUNIST, HOMOSEXUAL AND WRITER FOR "SIEMPRE", THROUGH VRG.

F. HMM-5075 REPORTED VRG AS MEMBER MEXICAN PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF JOURNALISTS TO BE HELD IN BEDEN (BADEN?), AUSTRIA, 13-22 OCTOBER 1960.

G. HMM-5287 REPORTED THAT IN SEPTEMBER 1960 VRG WAS CHIEF OF INFORMATION OF PUEBLO, ANTI-UNITED STATES, PRO-CUBA NEWSPAPER.

H. IN HMM-5403 LIFTER/8 REPORTED VRG AKNMEOHER OF THE INTELLECTUAL FACTION OF THE MEXICAN COMMITTEE TO GIVE IMPULSE TO FIGHT FOR PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WHICH WAS MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN PEACE CONGRESS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN MEXICO CITY IN MARCH 1961.

2. A REPORT FROM A LITEMPO/4 SOURCE IN THE POR/T DATED 23 NOVEMBER 1965 GIVING BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE MEXICAN TROTSKYIST MOVEMENT LISTS VRG AS A MILITANT MEMBER OF THE POR/T MIDDLE GUARD HEADED BY JUAN POSADAS. THIS REPORT IDENTIFIES VRG AS INTIMATE FRIEND OF VIDAL SOLIS, ALSO MILITANT POR/T MEMBER, SINCE THEY WERE SCHOOLMATES AT SCHOOL

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OF PHILOSOPHY AND LETTERS AT UNAM. NOTE THAT EKG-37587 IS CATIDE REPORT ON MEXICAN TROTSKYIST MOVEMENT WHICH IS ALMOST IDENTICAL WITH THIS L/4 EXCEPT THAT CATIDE REPORTS SOLIS AND VRG STUDIED PHILOLOGY.

3. LIENVOY OF 10 SEPTEMBER 1961 REPORTS THAT A FAREWELL PARTY WAS GIVEN FOR VRG ON 9 SEPTEMBER BUT NO MENTION MADE OF WHERE HE WAS GOING. FILES HAVE NO SUBSEQUENT REFERENCE TO HIS TRIP OR HIS DESTINATION.

4. AN ARTICLE IN THE 19 AUGUST 1966 EDITION OF EL SOL DE MEXICO, MEXICO CITY NEWSPAPER, REPORTED THAT IN 1956 ALBERTO BAYO, SPANISH COMMUNIST, HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS IN GUERRILLA TACTICS TO FIDEL AND RAUL CASTRO AND VRG AT RANCHO SAN MIGUEL IN AYOTZINGO, STATE OF MEXICO. ARTICLE QUOTED ERASMO RIVERA, OWNER OF RANCHO SAN MIGUEL, AS SAYING THAT ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS IN 1956 VRG HAD VISITED FIDEL AND RAUL AT RANCHO SAN MIGUEL WHERE THEY RECEIVED INSTRUCTION FROM BAYO.

5. STATION FILES GAVE NO OTHER INFORMATION ON VRG WHICH HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN SENT HQS.

6. INDEX SOLIS, BAYO AND RIVERA TO 228-4-56.

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2. ONE PHOTO OF "TIME BOMB"; ONE OF FOUR (4) AUTOMATICS, AMMO AND MAGAZINE FOR BOTH HAND-GUNS AND RIFLES AND TWO WALKIE-TALKIE TYPE TRANSMITTERS; AND ONE PHOTO OF THE (SAME) TWO (2) TRANSMITTERS, A TAPE RECORDER THREE SPORTING RIFLES, FIVE M-1 CARBINES AND WHAT APPEARS TO BE A GARAND.

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1. CONCUR WITH REF PROPOSAL STATION PREPARE CABLE  
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<p>LIFTER-8 obtained the reported information from Carlos Sanchez Cardenas, Leopoldo <u>Gutierrez</u> Sagardi, and Gustavo <u>Velasquez</u> Hernandez.</p>					
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COUNTRY Mexico

REPORT NO HMM-10,628

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

DATE OF REPORT 24 August 1966

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REFERENCES

DATE OF 17 August 1966

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PLACE & Mexico, Mexico City

DATE ACQ (19 August 1966)

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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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2. Victor Rico Galan and his associates can expect neither sympathy nor help from the Popular Socialist Party (PPS - Partido Popular Socialista). Although no official decision has yet been made by the Party, PPS leaders who have commented unofficially on the matter have said that for the moment the Party will no doubt stay completely outside the whole affair, thus proving its total lack of interest in this type of revolutionary activity. It is of course possible that PPS Secretary General Vicente Lombardo Toledano will seize the opportunity to issue a statement condemning the entire affair as Trotskyist, criminal, and utopian. Lombardo may decide to use this opportunity to strike back at the National Liberation Movement (MLN - Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional) and others who have attacked him.
3. Among leaders of both the PPS and the General Union of Workers and Peasants of Mexico (UGOCM - Union General de Obreros y Campesinos de Mexico), there is a certain skepticism about the truth of the matter as it has been presented in the press. It is probably true that arms and materials for manufacturing explosives were confiscated. It is probably true that indoctrination sessions on political and revolutionary matters probably were held in the houses where the arrests were made. And probably the group did have some kind of plan for action. But, it is simply not true that there was the slightest danger of immediate and formidable rebellion from Rico Galan and his friends.
4. This latter conclusion is based on the fact that Rico Galan is no guerrilla leader. He is an aggressive intellectual, a radical, but he is not in jail for what he has done but for his ideas. As for Raul Ugalde Alvarez, named with Rico Galan as one of the leaders of the group, he has the reputation of being fuzzy-minded, a leftist adventurer and certainly neither brave nor dedicated. Further, and Rico Galan is well aware of this, popular support is essential to the success of rebellion. None exists. The peasants are divided. The workers are controlled by the Government, and the middle-class is content with the way things are. Also, there is the formidable precedent of Government action against any kind of rebellion, trade union, armed, and particularly any sort of activity which is Cuban-connected. The Government has always moved with energy, speed, and efficiency to combat such threats as, for example, during the Railway Workers Strike of 1959. Several leaders of that strike are still in jail and likely to remain there. Another example is the September 1965 attack on a military camp at Ciudad Madero, Chihuahua. While the Government did not feel that this incident posed any real threat to it, it did not want the bad international publicity, so vigilance was increased, activities of would-be guerrillas were blocked, some were bought off with money, others with promises and the matter was promptly and efficiently controlled.
5. There no doubt is a degree of truth to police charges, but the melodramatic, almost childish character given to the Rico Galan movement, the lack of any proven connection between the movement and leftist/Communist organizations, Rico Galan's open and well-known connections with Guatemalan guerrilla leaders and his public support of the Cuban revolution, make it very hard to discount the suspicion that this is simply a Government maneuver. Also, while the police no doubt did confiscate arms and other materials, the suspicion exists that the police have inflated their role in order to make themselves look good both to the President and to public opinion.

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6. There is even a rumor that because of Rico Galan's harsh attacks on the new Guatemalan administration, the Guatemalan Government asked the Mexican Government to deal with Rico Galan. This rumor however is regarded as rather ridiculous since the Mexican Government certainly cares nothing for the opinion of Guatemalan officials.

Field Comment: HMM-10,614 reported earlier PPS reaction to the arrests.

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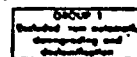
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SUBJECT EVIDENCE OF CONFLICT IN THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO CON-  
CERNING THE CASE OF VICTOR RICO GALAN

ACQ MEXICO, MEXICO CITY (20 AUGUST 1966) FIELD NO.

SOURCE A MEXICAN INTELLECTUAL WHO IS A NEW, UNWITTING REPORTING  
ASSET. SOURCE HAS CULTURAL AND FAMILY TIES IN CUBA. HE  
OBTAINED THIS INFORMATION DURING CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS  
WITH OFFICIALS OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO.

1. HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS,  
VICTOR RICO GALAN, A SPANISH-BORN JOURNALIST RESIDING IN MEXICO  
CITY, WAS ARRESTED BY THE MEXICAN POLICE ON 12 AUGUST WITH 27  
MEN AND 5 WOMEN AND CHARGED WITH "CONSPIRACY ON A NATIONAL SCALE".  
THE GROUP WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE HELD MEETINGS TO PLAN SUBVERSIVE  
TACTICS AND ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE NATION'S INTERNAL SECURITY.  
POLICE ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE MEMBERS HAD BEEN IN RADIO CONTACT  
WITH ORGANIZATIONS IN CUBA. THE 17 AUGUST EDITION OF EL UNIVERSAL  
GRAFICO NOTED THAT THE POLICE WERE INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY

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OF "FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT" IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT RICO GALAN WAS READY TO BOARD A CUBANA FLIGHT WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED. FURTHER REPORTS CLAIMED THAT 48 PERSONS WERE DETAINED AS A RESULT OF THE ROUNDUP. FOR EARLIER REPORTING ON THIS CASE, SEE TDCS-314/10486-66, 20 AUGUST 1966, TDCS-314/10419-66, 18 AUGUST 1966, AND TDCS-314/10347-66, 15 AUGUST 1966.

2. ON 18 AUGUST ABELARDO CURBELO PADRON, CUBAN CONSUL IN MEXICO CITY, SAID THAT THE SENDING OF AN OLD DC-4 AIRCRAFT TO MEXICO FROM CUBA ON 16 AUGUST WAS OSTENSIBLY A SPECIAL SERVICE PROVIDED FOR JOSEPHINE BAKER TO TRANSPORT HER AND HER 16 CHILDREN TO MEXICO. ACCORDING TO CURBELO, HOWEVER, THIS PLANE ALSO GAVE THE CUBANS AN EXCUSE FOR NOT EVACUATING THE MEXICANS IMPLICATED IN THE RICO GALAN CASE WHO WERE PRESSING THE CUBAN EMBASSY FOR SANCTUARY IN CUBA TO AVOID ARREST. CURBELO INDICATED THAT THE CUBANS WERE VERY FEARFUL FOR CUBAN-MEXICAN RELATIONS IN VIEW OF THE RICO GALAN CASE AND DID NOT WANT TO BE ACCUSED BY THE MEXICANS OF GRANTING ASYLUM TO GUILTY PARTIES. *!! 64 hours*

3. ON 15 AUGUST JULIAN LOPEZ DIAZ, CUBAN PRESS AND CULTURAL ATTACHE, HAD ADVISED A FRIEND NOT TO TAKE THE 16 AUGUST PLANE TO CUBA BECAUSE THERE WERE GOING TO BE SEVERAL MEXICANS ABOARD TO ESCAPE ARREST IN THE RICO GALAN CASE. AS IT TURNED OUT, HOWEVER,

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ONLY FIVE PERSONS FLEW TO CUBA IN THE DC-4 AND NO MEXICANS WERE AMONG THEM. (SOURCE COMMENT: IT IS VERY UNUSUAL FOR CUBANA TO CARRY ONLY FIVE PASSENGERS ON ITS MEXICO-TO-HAVANA RUN.) WHEN ASKED WHY HE DID NOT DO MORE IN CULTURAL PRESS WORK FOR CUBA, LOPEZ REPLIED THAT IT WAS NOT IMPORTANT, BUT WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WAS ASSISTING THE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES IN MEXICO. (SOURCE COMMENT: LOPEZ IS PROBABLY A SECURITY OR INTELLIGENCE REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CUBAN EMBASSY, SINCE HE IS VERY CLOSE TO RICO GALAN AND APPEARED TO FEEL THAT THE MEXICANS CONNECTED WITH THE CASE WHO HAD NOT YET BEEN ARRESTED SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN PASSAGE TO CUBA.)

4. ON 12 AUGUST FERNANDO RICO GALAN, VICTOR'S BROTHER, WAS OBSERVED IN THE CUBANA OFFICE IN MEXICO CITY ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE FOR A FLIGHT TO HAVANA. THE FLIGHT DID NOT COME TO MEXICO CITY THAT DAY AND FERNANDO WAS LATER ARRESTED IN THE ROUNDUP. ALSO ON 12 AUGUST ONE NOEL BARRA ZENIL WAS OBSERVED ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE PASSAGE TO CUBA. (SOURCE COMMENT: BARRA IS A RABID COMMUNIST REVOLUTIONARY WHO IS CLOSE TO RICO GALAN AND UNTIL RECENTLY WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF HAVANA.) (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTED THAT IN MAY 1956 ALVAR NOEL BARRA ZENIL WAS LISTED AMONG PERSONS CONSIDERED TO BE THE MOST ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE PARTIDO OBRERO-CAMPESINO MEXICANO (POCM, MEXICAN WORKER-PEASANT PARTY), A SMALL MARXIST SPLINTER GROUP. SEE CS-P02909, 18 SEPTEMBER 1956.)

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1. BELIEVE BEST WAY TO EXPLOIT **RICO** GALAN CASE PER REF WOULD BE TO TIE IT INTO OTHER EXAMPLES OF CASTRO REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY IN LA COUNTRIES UNDER GENERAL THEME OF "IT CAN EVEN HAPPEN IN MEXICO." MOST FERTILE SURFACING AREAS FOR THIS PURPOSE WOULD APPEAR BE VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA, AND GUATEMALA BUT HQS MAY WISH EXPAND THIS LIST.

2. SUGGEST FOLLOWING **PROP**  
CAMPAIGN: (A) ESSENTIAL BACKGROUND OF RICO GALAN CASE BE CABLED ABOVE STATIONS (AND OTHERS) WHO CONSIDERS (B) INTERPRETED AS BASIS MEDIA EXPLOITATION AND OTHER FEASIBLE POLITICAL ACTION (E.G., RE LIAISON) PEGGED TO CURRENT CASTRO PROPAGATIVE ACTIVITIES RESPECTIVE AREAS. BACKGROUND COULD INCLUDE **(IN 76854)** MEXICO CITY 3241 INFO PLUS LATER DEVELOPMENTS AS REPORTED LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS FORWARDED UNDER HMMA-29305 (LATEST LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENTARY BEING POUCHED 25 AUGUST). (C) TO TIE THIS TO "CASTRO-EXPORTS-REVOLUTION" THEME IN CONTEXT LOCAL COUNTRY SITUATIONS, ABOVE BACKGROUND MATERIAL SHOULD BE SUPPLEMENTED BY ALL AVAILABLE INFO ON RICO GALAN AND HIS GROUP WHICH INDICATES CASTRO

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INVOLVEMENT. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE NEWS ITEMS ON RICO'S USE OF CHE GUEVARA TEXTS IN HIS CLANDESTINE GROUP, HIS PAST CONNECTIONS WITH CASTRO AND THE CUBAN EMBASSY, HIS TRIPS TO YON SOSA ON BEHALF CASTRO, ETC. BELIEVE WITH SUCH ITEMS CULLED FROM CURRENT MEXICAN PRESS, PLUS RELEVANT MATERIAL TAKEN FROM HMMA-26800, 5 AUGUST 1965 "PORTRAIT" OF RICO GALAN AND TWO MENOS TO LIRAMA ON RICO FORWARDED MORE RECENTLY UNDER HMMA--29791, STATIONS WOULD HAVE GOOD BASIS FOR LOCAL REPLAY AND EXPLOITATION.

3. AS FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN RICO GALAN CASE UNFOLD HERE, THIS INITIAL GUIDANCE COULD BE SUPPLEMENTED AS APPROPRIATE BY ADDITIONAL CABLE GUIDANCES.

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DIST 23 AUGUST 1966

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DOI: 14-20 AUGUST 1966

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION OF PEMEX EXPLOSION  
AT POZA RICA, VERACRUZ

REF: HMM-10,622

ACQ: MEXICO, MEXICO CITY (22 AUG 66) FIELD NO. HMM-10,624

SOURCE: MEXICAN SECURITY OFFICER WITH ACCESS TO INFORMATION  
DERIVED FROM INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES. HIS  
REPORTING IS BELIEVED TO BE RELIABLE.

1. PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF AN INVESTIGATION BY MEXICAN  
SECURITY OFFICIALS OF THE 14 AUGUST EXPLOSION AND FIRE IN THE  
PEMEX REFINERY AT POZA RICA, VERACRUZ, HAVE REVEALED NO EVIDENCE  
TO INDICATE WHO MIGHT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXPLOSION.  
INVESTIGATION IS HAMPERED BY THE FACT THAT SECURITY PRE-  
CAUTIONS AT THE REFINERY ARE ALMOST NONEXISTENT. AT THE  
TIME OF THE EXPLOSION ONLY ONE GATE GUARD AND TWO SOLDIERS  
WERE ON DUTY IN THE ENTIRE PLANT.

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3. THE EXPLOSION OCCURED AT A TIME WHEN MAXIMUM PROPERTY DAMAGE AND MINIMUM LOSS OF LIFE WERE ASSURED. (SOURCE COMMENT: HAD THE BLAST AND FIRE OCCURED DURING THE WORK WEEK IT IS PROBABLE THAT AT LEAST THREE HUNDRED PERSONS WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED.)

4. (SOURCE COMMENT: THE CONDITION OF THE PIPE LINE AND THE TIMING OF THE EXPLOSION STRONGLY SUGGEST SABOTAGE. ALSO, THE DAMAGE IS MUCH MORE EXTENSIVE THAN THE PRESS HAS INDICATED AND IT WILL PROBABLY TAKE MUCH LONGER TO GET THE REFINERY BACK IN OPERATION THAN HAS BEEN ESTIMATED. RESERVES ARE BEING USED NOW TO PREVENT A GASOLINE SHORTAGE.)

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1. EXCEPT FOR STRAIGHT NEWS ACCOUNTS OF "DECLARACIONES" AND LEGAL INDICTMENTS OF RICO GALAN AND FILOW-CONSPIRATORS, VERY LITTLE EDITORIAL COMMENTARY HAS BEEN NOTED ON RICO GALAN CASE SINCE REF, INDICATING TIGHT LID IMPOSED BY GOVERNMENT STILL IN EFFECT. WHAT LITTLE EDITORIAL COMMENTARY HAS APPEARED HAS EXPRESSED EITHER MILD CONCERN OVER CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF ARRESTEES (E.G., 24 AUGUST SINEPPE EDITORIAL ARTICLE), OR HAS RELATED ALLEGED ~~ALLEGED~~ CONSPIRACY TO LARGER SPECULATION ABOUT MEXICO AS TARGET FOR STEPPED-UP CASTRO AND/OR CHICOM SUBVERSION.

2. DEFENSIVE TYPE COMMENTARY HAS BEEN NOTED FROM LEFTIST QUARTERS BUT HAS BEEN MINIMAL. AT END OF 19 AUGUST ACCOUNT OF LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS IN RICO GALAN CASE, EL DIA COUPLED BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT OF PARM PRESIDENT JUAN BARRAGAN CONDEMNATION OF RICO GALAN VIOLENCE WITH "NUEVO COMUNICADO" FROM THE MLN, REITERATING THAT CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES (OF ARRESTEES) HAVE BEEN VIOLATED. SAME THERE ELABORATED UPON IN PAID ADVERTISEMENT PLACED BY MLN IN 23 AUGUST EXCELSIOR.

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3. EDITORIAL WARNINGS ON LARGER IMPLICATIONS OF RICO GALAN CASE HAVE BEEN MORE NUMEROUS BUT STILL SCARCE. BARRIOS GOMEZ COLUMN IN EL HERALDO OF 15 AUGUST REVIEWED RICO GALAN'S CONNECTION WITH GUATEMALAN PRO-CHICOM GUERRILLA LEADER YON SOSA, NOTING THAT "PEKINISTA" RICO GALAN IS AN "AGITADOR INFLUIDA POR LAS PREDICAS DE CHINOS AMIGOS SUYOS, DE LA AGENCIA NOTICIOSA SINJUA." LEAD NOVEDADES EDITORIAL ON 19 AUGUST WARNED AGAINST ASSUMPTIONS THAT MEXICO IS IMMUNE TO EXTREMIST "INTERNATIONAL SUBVERSION" LIKE THAT WHICH HAS PLAGUED OTHER LA COUNTRIES LIKE VENEZUELA, GUATEMALA, PERU, ETC. OBLIQUELY CITING RICO GALAN CASE IN SENSE THAT "IT CAN HAPPEN HERE," EDITORIAL IMPLIES THAT RICO GALAN CONSPIRACY WAS HATCHED AT TRI-CONTINENTAL CONFERENCE IN HAVANA. TWO CARTOONS, IN EXCELSIOR 18 AUGUST AND NOVEDADES 20 AUGUST, DEAL WITH RICO GALAN ARRESTS. NOVEDADES CARTOON DEPICTS ESSENTIALLY SUPERFICIAL AND HUMOROUS VIEW OF RICO GALAN ARRESTS. EXCELSIOR CARTOON, IN CONTRAST, CARRIES OBVIOUS POLITICAL MESSAGE: CARTOON SHOWS LAZARO CARDENAS ANSWERING PHONE AND REPLYING TO RICO GALAN CALL, SAYING "Y PARA QUE ME ENVIA UN RELOJ, SENOR RICO." CONSERVATIVE EL SOL EDITORIAL TITLED "DIPLOMACIA SUBVERSIVA" MENTIONS RICO GALAN CASE AS PERHAPS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF COMMUNIST EFFORTS USE DIPLOMATIC

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SPOALLY, ENGLISH-LANGUAGE THE NEWS RAN EDITORIAL ARTICLE BY JIM  
BUDD ON 22 AUGUST DESCRIBING RICO GALAN CONSPIRACY AS PROVIDING  
SALUTARY LESSON FOR MEXICO, IN THAT IT SHOWS, DESPITE "SCANT CHANCES  
COMMUNISM TAKING OVER MEXICO," THAT COMMUNIST EXTREMISTS LIKE  
RICO GALAN GROUP CAN STILL "JOLT MEMORIES" AND REMIND MEXICANS THAT  
ITS PROBLEMS ARE STILL GRAVE ENOUGH TO BE EXACERBATED AND EXPLOITED  
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16 AUG. NO FURTHER MENTION THIS INCIDENT IN 17 AUG PRESS, POSSIBLY  
DUE GOVERNMENT DESIRE AVOID GIVING LEFTIST PRESS AMMUNITION WITH WHICH  
ATTACK GOVERNMENT CRACK DOWN <sup>1341</sup> ~~368~~ <sup>41</sup> ~~41~~ RING.

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NEXT ISSUES (DUE NEXT COUPLE DAYS) SHOULD BE HIGHLY INTERESTING  
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1. Attached for Headquarters information and retention are copies of two memoranda concerning Victor RICO Galan which were passed to LIRAMA on 15 February and 6 April 1965.

2. As stated in Reference, the attached memoranda were at the request of LIRAMA who was investigating the possibility of de-naturalizing and deporting Subject.

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Victor Rico Galan was born 6 February 1928 at El Ferrol, Spain, and came to Mexico as a Spanish "niño" (year unknown). He became a Mexican citizen and is now a prominent leftist journalist for Siempre and Politica. He lives at Providencia 930, Mexico City. He is head of the National Press and Propaganda Committee of the Movimiento de Liberación Nacional (MLN). He was a member of the Committee for Solidarity with the Cuban Revolution and of the Periodistas Amigos de Cuba in 1961.

Victor Rico Galan is a close friend of Fidel Castro Ruz. He went to Cuba in October 1962 to write a political biography of Castro. He went to Cuba again in May 1963 and interviewed Castro in June 1963 upon the latter's return from the USSR.

Between mid-October and mid-December 1963, he traveled to Panama, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Venezuela, and Brazil and conferred with leading Communists and leftists in each of these countries. In early January 1964 he visited the Dominican Republic and on 28 January 1964 again traveled to Cuba, presumably to interview Fidel Castro who had just returned from another trip to the USSR.

In September 1964, Rico Galan had several contacts with Armando Hart Dávalos, Cuban Minister of Education and Antonio Núñez Jiménez, President of the Commission of the Academy of Sciences of Cuba, who were visiting in Mexico.

In November 1964, he published an interview he had with Guatemalan guerrilla leader Marco Antonio Yon Sosa.

Rico Galan has very frequent contact with Rogelio Rodríguez López, Second Secretary of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico and identified member of the Cuban Intelligence Service (OSI). He is also in contact with Oldrich Novicky, Second Secretary and Press Attache of the Czech Embassy who is an intelligence officer, and with Ivan Gavrilovich Alferiev, Pravda correspondent in Mexico who is a Soviet intelligence officer.

Rico Galan, according to a number of unimpeachable sources, is a professional paid agent for the Cuban government. He has acted as a courier, carrying large sums of money to pro-Cuban groups in several Latin American countries. He supports the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City in its propaganda activities, often using Siempre magazine in this work. His principal assignment, however, is to act as

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Fidel Castro's chief political subversion agent in Latin America. During a recent trip to Guatemala, for instance, he attempted to orient politically the split Communist factions striving to overthrow the Guatemalan Government. A tape recording exists of a speech he made which was later distributed to Guatemalan guerrillas. In the speech Rico Galon claimed he was speaking as an individual, rather than as a representative of the Cuban government. In fact, he was acting on behalf of Castro, as he was instructed to do by members of the Cuban Intelligence Service in the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City, with whom he has been in very frequent contact for the past several years.

Attached find a copy of the tape recording mentioned above.

Victor Rizo Galan's membership in the following organizations:

IMN - members subscribe to an active campaign to oust U.S. business interests from Mexico and all Latin America, and to fight against U.S. interests and influence in Mexico and throughout Latin America. Members support the Cuban revolution, the Mexican Government's policy of non-intervention and auto-determination and pledge themselves to participate in activities which will bring greater economic, personal and social freedom to the people of Mexico.

There is no indication (at least in public/official IMN documents) that the IMN or its members owe allegiance to any foreign power. It has, however, until 1965, been controlled and dominated by the Mexican Communist Party which PMS give allegiance to the Soviet Union. The IMN and the other Communist groups with which Rizo Galan has been associated, support Soviet foreign policy objectives, usually without any reservations.

The Mexican Journalists Friends of Cuba and the Committee for Solidarity with Cuba follow the same lines as the IMN - with emphasis placed on the distribution of propaganda glorifying the Cuban revolution, and advocating the Cuban Government as the ideal for all Latin American countries.

Mexican-Cuban Institute of Cultural Relations - emphasizes exchange of cultural and economic information, exhibits materials, artists, etc., always, of course, extolling glorious Cuba and urging Mexico to follow Cuba's lead.

Arnaldo Orfila Brana

His only known organizational affiliation is his membership in the Argentine Socialist Party.

One source reported that Orfila was a naturalized Mexican citizen - however we have no record of his having been granted Mexican citizenship, and as late as April 1965, he was reported by Cubana Airlines as an Argentine citizen. It is reported that Cubana lists their passengers by citizenship.