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CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES AND PLANS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

I. Objectives

The primary objectives of clandestine activity are to prevent the accession to power in the Dominican Republic of a Communist/Castro controlled government, to create an atmosphere which will foster democratic evolution, and to obtain reliable and timely intelligence needed to formulate effective overt and covert action programs.

II. Clandestine Activities

A. Political Action

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1. Support democratic non-Communist political groups in their efforts to achieve victory in the 1962 elections and to maintain their political viability thereafter. Currently, support is being given to the Union Civica Nacional (National Civic Union-UCN) and the Partido Revolucionario Dominicano (Dominican Revolutionary Party-PRD). Generally equal support should be authorized in the future for both the UCN and PRD to provide particular support for the services of non-American political advisors and for party conventions in May 1962 and other organizational efforts, training of PRD members at the Institute of Political Education in Costa Rica, and the conduct of electoral campaigns. In addition, funds should be authorized for the support of the campesino training school planned by the PRD and for a similar campesino program by the UCN if this party elects and is able to plan such a program. It is also felt that contingency support and guidance be authorized for other democratic political groups that demonstrate sufficient popular following (e.g., Christian Democrats).

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2. Organize and support anti-Communist front groups capable of conducting militant action and propaganda operations against Communist/Castro individuals and groups.

B. Propaganda

1. Support and guide the media and other propaganda programs of the UCN and PRD, including radio programs, leaflets and

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pamphlets, and press placements. Support is now being given in the way of guidance and material for three daily anti-Communist radio programs and additional activities of a media and propaganda nature are being initiated through existing access to the country's major radio and television outlets and to the three newspapers of the UCN.

2. Establish propaganda facilities aimed particularly at labor, students and youth and campesinos, with emphasis on printing and distribution of specialized periodicals appealing to these key target groups.

C. Labor

1. To carry out a program of support and guidance to non-Communist labor unions to form a labor movement independent of political control that can associate itself with the free labor movement of the Western world. Considerable support and guidance has already been given to develop the FOUPSA Libre (Free United Labor Front for Autonomos Syndicates) as a national labor federation composed of unions free from pro-Communist domination. Efforts in support of this program have already met with considerable success in the process of building this federation into a body of sufficient strength and prestige to associate itself with pro-Western international labor organizations.

2. Support the leader training programs and organizational efforts of properly oriented labor groups.

D. Youth and Students

Support selected student leaders to enable them to establish democratic student organizations that can be utilized to: generate student support and participation in democratic reform projects; sponsor student welfare programs and scholarships assistance for needy students; establish student centers and sponsor seminars for discussion of democratic political heritage; publish weekly student bulletins and other propaganda materials; and organize political action campaigns to obstruct Communist/Castro activities among students.

E. Economic Action

Encourage labor unions, civic groups, student organizations, business leaders, and other private entities to sponsor self-help programs such as cooperatives, community development programs, credit unions, and other activities that will promote public interest and participation complementary to Alliance for Progress programs.

F. Paramilitary Action

Collaborate with other U.S. Government agencies in the creation of counter-insurgency assets which could be quickly activated if needed to cope with any subversive attempts to overthrow the democratic government by force.

G. Positive Intelligence Collection

1. Primary emphasis on the development of penetration agents in all Communist and pro-Communist groups such as the MPD and the PCJ for the collection of intelligence on Communist/Castro leadership, intentions and day-to-day activities.

2. Penetration of the government to report on its capabilities and intentions.

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3. Penetrations at knowledgeable levels of the UCN, the PRD and the Social Democratic Alliance to report on the strengths, intentions and capabilities of these political parties.

4. Development of assets in the important Cibao region capable of reporting on the strengths and activities of the various political groups in that area.

5. Development of assets in student and youth groups to report on Communist influence and penetration in these groups.

6. Development of assets in the labor movement capable of reporting on Communist activities aimed at penetration and domination of labor unions.

7. Penetration of the Dominican military establishment to provide information on a current basis on the intentions and capabilities of the leaders of the Armed Forces.

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