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SUBJECT: Agitation Against Americans at Guantanamo and other Cuban Issues Connected with Nixon Visit

Local Communists are attempting to connect the recent events involving Vice President Nixon with agitation against the U.S. Naval Operating Base at Guantanamo and local issues. On May 16 the Provincial Committee of the Partido Socialista Popular issued a mimeographed circular calling for the "Yankees" to leave Caimanera, which was listed as one of the bases where troops were readied to "invade" friendly countries.

The communist circular stated that the Vice President's trip had been to the accompaniment of a symphony of whistles and insults as an expression of the deep resentment for the U.S. having imposed dictators, increased tariffs, and impeded free trade. It says that the mobilization of troops for invasion of Venezuela was hypocritically disguised as an offer to collaborate with Venezuela which had not been requested by Venezuela. Now we know, it says, what inspires the releases of the (Cuban) General Staff when it lies in each line it publishes. "Like father, like son" is the comparison drawn between the U.S. Armed Forces and the Cuban Armed Forces.

It also blames the Yankees for perpetuating Batista in power because they prevent the unity necessary in Cuba in order to throw him out. It calls on the Cubans to imitate sister states in uniting even against the "imperialist will".

The only other editorial comment on the Vice President's visit was that of Libertad, owned by the notorious Senator Rolando Masferrer. It also followed the line that a mistake had been made in alerting U.S. troops. The editorial expressed the hope that the United States would become more aware of the dangers of communism in Latin America as a result of the regrettable incident. The very pro-government Masferrer publication is the only one which currently carries editorial material. All newspapers have, however, carried wire service accounts and comments from Washington.

A number of individuals have expressed their regret that such a terrible thing should happen on the basis that it reflects on all of Latin America. While the pro-government comments are entirely on the basis of the menace of communism, the anti-Batista groups are hopeful that the incidents will bring about a new policy toward Latin American dictators and Batista in particular, according to the voluntary comments so far.

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The Communist comment on the lack of unity in getting rid of Batista and the call for Cuban unity despite imperialist efforts to prevent it might be interpreted as an indication that the Communists or at least the PSP on the Oriente Provincial level have not had their cooperation fully accepted by other opposition groups.

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Communists Circular.

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NIXON VAYASE y NIXON SEFUE

Al fin terminó la gira de Richard Nixon, Vice-Presidente de los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica, por los países de Latino-américa.

Desde la Tierra del fuego a la Península de la Guajira, desde la Patagonia a Maracaibo, una sinfonia de chiflidos acompañó su paso como expresión de la honda repulsa que los latino-americanos sentimos contra la politica imperialista que nos ha impuesto dictadores, aumentado los aranceles e impedido comerciar libremente.

Pero los imperialistas, como siempre insultantes y soberbios no quieren embarcar a su Vice-Presidente sin antes amenazar a uno de nuestros países con la invasión.

Mil soldados extraídos de una de sus bases en Carolina del Nortefueron transportados a la carrera a la base de Ramay en Puerto Rico y a la de Caimanera en Cuba. Triste misión la nuestra, gracias a los imperialistas yankis, servir de base para la agresión a un pueblo hermano! Hora es ya de que reivindicemos, bien alto, la devolución de la Base Naval de Caimanera a nuestras manos.

! Fuera los yankis de Caimanera! Ese debe ser uno de nuestros gritos de libertad.

! Y toda la movilización señalada no era mas que para invadir a Venezuela si el pueblo continuaba repudiando a Nixon! Claro que esta invasión se haría, según la hipocresía habitual en los imperialistas, paracolaborar con el Gobierno de Venezuela quién, por demás, no habia pedido colaboración ninguna a las tropas yankis. Ahora ya sabemos, sino lo sabíamos antes, donde se inspiran los partes del Estado Mayor del Ejército de Cuba, cuando miente en cada línea que publica. "De tal palo tal astilla", "de tal padre tal hijo".

Los cubanos nos explicamos muy bien la protesta airada de los argentinos, chilenos, paraguayos, bolivianos, peruanos, ecuatorianos, colombianos y venezolanos porque todos a sus turno han padecido el tirano impuesto por los yankis y ahora nosotros tenemos montados sobre nuestras espaldas al más sanguinario de todos: a Fulgencio Batista y sabemos más, Sabemos que la solución invencible para derrocar al tirano no se logra porque los imperialistas impiden la unidad para hacer que Batista y su camarilla se queden en el poder eternamente si no imitamos a nuestros pueblos hermanos que hicieron la unidad por encima y en contra la voluntad imperialista.

! Manos fuera de Latinoamérica!
! Manos imperialistas fuera de Venezuela!
! Unidad y lucha de masas para derrocar al tirnao!
! Viva Venezuela!
! Viva Cuba!

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