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FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (105-1232) (P)

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TERRORIST AND GUERRILLA GROUPS

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Re Legat, Mexico City letter to Bureau, 3/6/74.

Set forth below are up-to-date thumbnail sketches of currently active or recently active Mexican revolutionary, terrorist and guerrilla groups. Two copies of this letter are being designated for border offices, Albuquerque, El Paso, Phoenix, San Antonio and San Diego, as well as Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco, which have large Mexican populations. (U)

No attempt has been made to characterize all revolutionary groups which have come to Legat's attention as many such organizations have appeared on the scene and been identified in one or two isolated terrorist or revolutionary acts only to disappear and re-appear at a later time under a different name, comprised of subversives from several other groups. The 23rd of September Communist League (LCS) is a case in point being a Marxist oriented group which appeared on the terrorist scene during mid-1973 and which has been identified

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by Mexican authorities as being responsible for much of the  
bombings, robberies, kidnappings and political murders  
FROM : occurring throughout Mexico during the past nine months. (S)(U)

Investigations, arrests and confessions of LCS  
SUBJECT: members have revealed their previous association with at  
least five other Mexican revolutionary groups. (S)(U)

For the purpose of evaluation all sources utilized  
in the preparation of the sketches should be described as  
having furnished reliable information in the past. Careful  
consideration was given to each source concealed. (S) u

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ARMED COMMUNIST LEAGUE  
(LIGA COMUNISTA ARMADA - LCA)

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A source advised on 11/30/73 that the LCA, a Marxist oriented group, was organized at Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, during mid-1972. This group was responsible for the 11/8/72 hijacking of a Mexican airliner forcing the release of six "political prisoners" from jail who were flown to Cuba as part of the ransom demand. The LCA was responsible for the bombing on 7/17/72 of the American Consulate at Monterrey. The LCA is known to be closely associated in the Monterrey area with the Armed Force of National Liberation (FALN) and Tierra y Libertad (Land And Liberty), both communist revolutionary oriented groups. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ARMED FORCES OF NATIONAL LIBERATION  
(FUERZAS ARMADAS DE LIBERACION - FALN)

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A source advised on 3/1/74, that the FALN, also referred to as Forces of National Liberation (Fuerzas de Liberacion Nacional - FLN) was formed in Mexico during 1968 as a Marxist and Cuban trained guerrilla group. The FALN has been financed in the past by the Cuban Government and the leadership and headquarters of this group is at Monterrey, Nuevo Leon. FALN members have been identified as participating mainly in the northern and northeastern area of Mexico in several bank robberies, kidnappings, murders and hijacking of a Mexican airliner to Cuba, 11/8/72.

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Source: [redacted] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ARMED FORCES OF THE NEW REVOLUTION  
(FUERZAS ARMADAS DE LA NUEVA  
REVOLUCION - FANR)

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A source advised 3/5/74 that Mexican authorities in the State of Sonora first discovered the existence of FANR during April 1971 with the arrest of several Marxist revolutionaries involved in a Guaymas, Sonora, bank robbery. FANR leadership consists mainly of university teachers and students, many of whom formerly were associated with the Mexican Communist Youth (JCM). The FANR claims to be following in the tradition of Mexican revolutionary heroes

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[redacted] in that their main goal is the armed overthrow of the existing Mexican Government. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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COMMUNIST SPARTACUS LEAGUE  
(LIGA COMUNISTA ESPARTACO-LCE)

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A source advised on 3/5/74, that during 1962 as a result of a dispute in the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Mexico (PCM), a group of communist leaders were expelled and they formed a group called the Leninista Espartacus League (Liga Leninista Espartaco-LLE). In 1965 the LLE joined with a Marxist workers and farmers group and adopted the name LCE. The LCE currently follows a pro-Chinese Communist ideological line with strong Trotskyist views. LCE members were identified by Mexican police as having been involved in the September 1973, kidnap-murder of Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, industrialist [redacted]

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LOS LACANDONES ~~(C)~~ (U)

A source advised 3/5/74 that Los Lacandones, also referred to as the Armed Group of the Lacandones Command (Grupo Armado Comando Lacandones) is a Marxist urban guerrilla terrorist group that has been active in the Mexico City area since mid-1969. This group took its name from a Mexican indian tribe and specializes in armed robberies, kidnappings and bombings in its struggle against the "exploiters." Several Lacandones leaders were arrested at Mexico City during early 1973 and since that time some members of this group have been identified as being active with the 23rd of September Communist League. ~~(C)~~ (U)

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POOR PEOPLES PARTY  
(PARTIDO DE LOS POBRES - PLP)

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A source advised on 4/30/73 that the PLP under the direction of guerrilla leader, [redacted] has been actively engaged since 1970 in a revolutionary struggle against the Mexican Government. [redacted] is a [redacted]

[redacted] who commands a hard-core guerrilla group estimated to consist of approximately 150 men. The PLP is headquartered in the rugged Atoyac Mountain area north of Acapulco, Guerrero, and has on several occasions successfully ambushed Mexican Army units, killing soldiers and capturing military arms and equipment. When conducting operations against the Mexican Army [redacted] calls his group the Peasants Executionary Brigade (Brigada Campesina de Ajusticiamiento). The PLP supports itself by kidnappings, extortions and bank robberies, and so far has limited its activities to the State of Guerrero. (S) (U)

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REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT  
(MOVIMIENTO ACCION REVOLUCIONARIA -  
MAR)

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On 3/5/74, a source advised that MAR originated in Moscow, Russia, during 1966 among Mexican students studying at the Patrice Lumumba University under Soviet Government scholarships. During the period 1968-1970 approximately 50 MAR members were given extensive guerrilla warfare training in sabotage, terrorism and kidnapping in North Korea, returning to Mexico upon completion of their training. During February 1971, Mexican authorities raided MAR training sites in several states making numerous arrests and recovering many weapons. Several of the arrested MAR members were released from Mexico jails and flown to Cuba during May 1973 as part of the ransom for kidnapped Guadalajara U. S. Consul General, TERRANCE G. LEONHARDY. Several MAR members have recently been identified as participating in terrorist actions under direction of the 23rd of September Communist League. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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STUDENT REVOLUTIONARY FRONT  
(FRENTE DE ESTUDIANTES REVOLUCIONARIOS -  
FER)

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A source advised 2/6/74, that FER was organized in Mexico during December 1969 as a Marxist oriented student dominated worker-peasant-student alliance. FER leadership comes from teachers and students associated with the University of Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Jalisco, and the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) located in Mexico City. FER members acting under direction of the 23rd of September Communist League have participated in bombings, murders, and other terrorist actions, including the kidnapping on 5/4/73 at Guadalajara of U. S. Consul General TERRANCE G. LEONHARDY resulting in the Mexican Government releasing 51 "political prisoners" who were flown to Cuba as part of the LEONHARDY ransom demand. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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23RD OF SEPTEMBER COMMUNIST LEAGUE  
(LIGA COMUNISTA 23 DE SEPTIEMBRE - LCS)

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A source advised 2/6/73 that the LCS is one of the most highly organized Marxist oriented guerrilla and urban terrorist organizations now operating in Mexico. This militant group takes its name from the aborted attack on 9/23/65 on the Mexican Army barracks at Madera, Chihuahua, by a guerrilla band led by communist [redacted]. Since the Spring of 1973, the LCS has been identified as b7C perpetrating numerous robberies, bombings, kidnappings and murders primarily in the Central Mexico area in and around Guadalajara, Jalisco, and more recently functioning in other parts of Mexico. LCS leadership is made up of college educated individuals, mainly under the age of 30, who are dedicated to the immediate "class struggle" and overthrow of the Mexican Government by force. The LCS in its publications refers to the Mexican Communist Party as being "fearful and cowardly." Many former members of other Mexican revolutionary groups such as MAR, FALN, FER, Los Lacandones, and the Union del Pueblo (UDP) are now active in LCS revolutionary activities. ~~(C)~~

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LAND AND LIBERTY  
(TIERRA Y LIBERTAD - TL)

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A source advised on 12/27/73 that TL was formed in February 1972, at Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, by a group of young college professors and medical doctors who believe in Marxist principles, including the overthrow of the existing Mexican Government. Many of the TL leaders work for the Mexican Government and spend much of their time among the peasants and poor in the northeastern Mexico area. TL has organized a feminine cell called "Las Tantias" which works through various Catholic Church organizations to gain support for their cause. TL is stockpiling arms and explosives in anticipation of committing terrorist acts against both the wealthy industrial interests and the Mexican Government.

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