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SUMMARY: PCE-MANIPULATED JUNTA DEMOCRATICA ISSUED NEW MANIFESTO APR 12. MEANWHILE RIVAL AD HOC CONFERENCIA DEMOCRATICA CONTINUES TO MEET. OPPOSITION CONFERENCIA DEMOCRATICA RECENTLY INVITED PCE TO LEAVE JUNTA AND TO PARTICIPATE IN CREATION NEW AND BROADER OPPOSITION COALITION, BUT PCE REFUSED, MAKING CONTINUATION PRESENT IMPASSE LIKELY. END SUMMARY

1. JUNTA DEOCRATICA COALITION OF SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCE) AND SEVERAL BOURGEOIS AND SOCIALIST OPPOSITION GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS, ON APR 12 ISSUED "MANIFESTO OF RECONCILIATION" AT PARIS PRESS CONFERENCE OF PCE SEC GEN SANTIAGO CARRILLO AND NON-COMMUNISTS RAFAEL CALVO SERER AND JOSE VIDAL BENEYTO. MANIFESTO REITERATES JUNTA'S PROGRAM, CITES JUNTA'S ALLEGED ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND REPEATS PROPOSITION THAT FRANCO REGIME IS INCAPABLE EVOLVING INTO DEMOCRACY. DOCUMENT INSISTS COMPLETE BREAK WITH SYSTEM IS NECESSARY AND OFFERS JUNTA AS ONLY VIABLE ALTERNATIVE.

2. MANIFESTO REFLECTS RECENT INCREASED ACTIVITY, E.G., JUNTA'S MARCH PROPAGANDA SUCCESS, WHEN LEADING MEMBERS HEADED BY PCE'S CARRILLO, WERE RECEIVED IN STRASBOURG BY EC COMMISSIONERS AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARIANS (REF D), AND CALVO SERER'S MID-MARCH VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

3. RECENT RUMORS ALLEGE INTERNAL STRAINS WITHIN JUNTA. A GOVT NEWSPAPER REPORTED JUNTA SECRETARY ANTONIO GARCIA TREVIJANO HAD RESIGNED FROM JUNTA AFTER DISAGREEMENT WITH PCE. THIS INACCURATE REPORT APPEARS HAVE BEEN GOVT MANEUVER TO PROMOTE DISSENSION WITHIN JUNTA. HOWEVER, REPORTEDLY SOME DISSENSION EXISTS, INCLUDING BITTER QUARREL BETWEEN TREVIJANO AND POPULAR SOCIALISTS' (PSP) RAUL MORODO, AND POSSIBLE DISSENSION WITHIN PCE OVER JUNTA AND SANTIAGO CARRILLO'S EXILE LEADERSHIP.

4. COMPOSITION OF JUNTA REMAINS AS IN REFS A&B. PREVIOUS WITHDRAWAL OF CARLISTS FROM JUNTA HAS RECENTLY BEEN MADE PUBLIC, AS HAVE ACCESSIONS OF BANDERA ROJA GROUP AND OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI). PCI, HOWEVER, WAS OBLIGED BY PCE, WHICH ASSERTED EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMUNIST LABEL, TO CHANGE ITS NAME TO PARTIDO DE TRAVAJADORES. JUNTA CO-FOUNDER CALVO SERER IN PARIS HAS ALSO REPORTEDLY RECENTLY FORMED HIS OWN MINUSCULE POLITICAL PARTY, "SPANISH LIBERAL PARTY", DESIGNED TO BOLSTER JUNTA'S CLAIMS IT REPRESENTS VARIED POLITICAL PARTIES AS WELL AS

INDIVIDUALS AND "FORCES". CALVO SERER, WHO FLED SPAIN IN 1971, ALSO REPORTEDLY PLANS TO ENTER SPAIN CLANDESTINELY

IN NEAR FUTURE, DESPITE WARRANT OUTSTANDING FOR HIS ARREST.

5. MEANWHILE, NON-COMMUNIST CONFERENCIA DEMOCRATICA, AD HOC COALITION OF PRINCIPAL SPANISH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC, SOCIALIST, AND REGIONAL PARTIES, REMAINS ACTIVE, WITH INDICATIONS CONFERENCIA STILL MAY CONSTITUTE ITSELF IN NEAR FUTURE INTO A FORMAL ORGANIZATION RIVALING JUNTA. BOTH SUCCESS OF JUNTA OR PROSPECTS OF FORMAL CONSTITUTION RIVAL CONFERENCIA; HOWEVER, DEPEND ON SOCIALIST PSOE. ANTI-JUNTA PSOE HAS BEEN PARTICIPATING TO DATE IN AD HOC CONFERENCIA BUT OPPOSES FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF CONFERENCIA.

6. RECENTLY, HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTS BY BOTH COALITIONS TO FIND COMMON GROUND. REPORTEDLY ALL GROUPS IN CONFERENCIA, INCLUDING PSOE, INVITED PCE TO JOIN WITH THEM IN ESTABLISHING BROADER AND COMPLETELY NEW COALITION TO BE CALLED ALIANZA DEMOCRATICA, AND TO INCLUDE ALL RECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTIES IN BOTH COALITIONS, BUT NOT INDIVIDUALS, SELF-PROCLAIMED "FORCES", OR PCE FRONT GROUPS. PCE, HOWEVER, HAS FLATLY REFUSED, CLAIMING PCE WILL NOT CONSENT TO JUNTA BEING DISMANTLED OR REPLACED. PSOE IN ADDITION IS INSISTING THAT PCE DISSOCIATE ITSELF ENTIRELY FROM INDIVIDUALS AND "FORCES" IN JUNTA, AND THAT NEW ALIANZA COALITION EXCLUDE TIerno GALVAN'S PSP.

7. COMMENT: DESPITE ITS WELL-PUBLICIZED INT'L ACTIVITIES AND RECENT ACCESSION OF VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS, JUNTA HAS MADE NO INROADS WITH IMPORTANT CENTRIST OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES. MOREOVER, TACTIC OF BRINGING IN GARCIA TREVIANO, REPORTEDLY BECAUSE OF HIS MONARCHIST AND BIG BUSINESS TIES, WHICH PCE FELT WOULD ATTRACT MONARCHIST OPPOSITION HAS HAD SCANT SUCCESS. SITUATION BETWEEN RIVAL COALITIONS REMAINS AT IMPASSE. JUNTA MAY LOSE INFLUENCE UNLESS IT ATTRACTS CONFIDENTIAL

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DEFECTORS FROM CONFERENCIA COALITION. SOME BELIEVE PCE MAY UNTIMATELY ABANDON TIerno GALVAN AND REST OF JUNTA TO JOIN CONFERENCIA'S GROUPS IN A NEW ALIANZA. DESPITE MESGIVINGS, SOME DEMOCRATIC GROUPS HAVE CONCLUDED THAT ANY VIABLE DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION COALITION FOR SUCCESSION MUST INCLUDE IMPORTANT PCE. THEY REASON THAT PCE CAN ONLY BE CONTAINED IN SUCH A BROAD COALITION WHERE IT IS DEPRIVED OF ITS PLIANTT INDIVIDUALS AND FORCES AND PHONEY POLITICAL PARTIES NOW IN JUNTA, AND WHERE IT HAS ONLY ONE VOTE AND IS FACED BY PREPONDERANCE OF DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PARTIES. OVERLOOKED IS THAT PCE IS SOLE OPPOSITION GROUP WITH TIGHTLY-KNIT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, WHICH WOULD GIVE IT UNIQUE BARGAINING LEVERAGE AND POSSIBLE POSITION OF PREDOMINANCE IN A UNITED FRONT.

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