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SUBJECT: National Liberation Movement Meeting Held in Tijuana

On November 23, 1961, a meeting was held in Tijuana of the Municipal Committee of the so-called National Liberation Movement (Movimiento de Liberación Nacional), which is the Communist action movement spawned from the "Peace" Conference in Mexico City last March, and of the later August convention.

A copy of the invitation to attend the Tijuana meeting, dated November 16, 1961, is enclosed. Also, an MLN circular issued in Tijuana in November is being forwarded, and a blank membership application.

The three signatures on the November 16 invitation -- Blas MANRIQUE, Prof. Antonio SALVATIERRA and Epignenio RAMIREZ -- are those of well-known Communist Party and the Communist front CEM (Circulo de Estudios Mexicanos) leaders in Tijuana. The other two printed names, which are not signed, are those of persons less well-known in this connection: Dr. MILLANES, a dental technician in Tijuana, a member of the MLN, perhaps also of the CEM, but who has not been identified as a leader or a Communist Party member; and Pedro LLAMAS Iturbe, an influential member of the PRI Juvenil (Partido Revolucionario Institucional, Youth) who seeks his advice from Blas Manrique.

Local sources report that the meeting on November 23 was a routine attempt to organize cells, in line with the MLN policy of expansion into the "ejidos" (collective farms) and all segments of the country. Reliable sources place attendance at the meeting at about 120, with students and labor group members predominating. CROC (Confederación Revolucionaria de Obreros y Campesinos), the largest union in Baja California, sent representatives to the meeting principally at the insistence of Francisco FAVELA a Communist and delegate of one of CROC's affiliated union groups.

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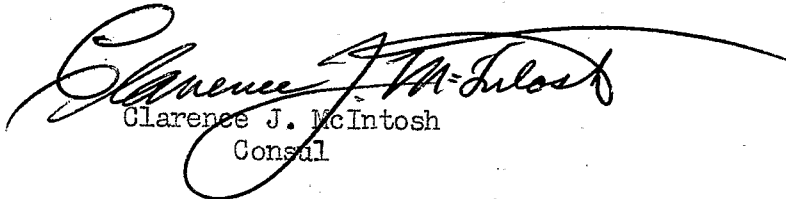
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The MLN, with its wider appeal to economic liberation, political liberation, etc., could prove to be a much more successful leftist effort here than the CEM, which now may fade into the background or disappear entirely. It is understood that members of the Communist Party themselves have been given instructions to push the MLN as a social organization and that a very active campaign to organize cells throughout the country is going on, with apparently some success.

The San Diego FBI has considerable information on the MLN and its activities in this area.


Clarence J. McIntosh
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Enclosures: *att.*

1. Invitation, 11/16/61.
2. MLN circular, 11/61.
3. Membership Application.

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