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STEP-DAUGHTER WAS ARRESTED RECENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE POLICE DISCOVERY OF AN EXTREME LEFTIST HIDEOUT NEAR NAPLES). CONTINUING ALONG THESE LINES EMBOFF THEN NOTED THAT BUFALINIS SPEECH TO THE MOST RECENT CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING HAD A REFERENCE TO FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN THE MORO KIDNAPPING WHICH MOST WOULD TAKE AS A VEILED REFERENCE TO THE CIA.

7 . FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. BARCA AND EMBOFF ENGAGED IN A

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LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES DURING WHICH EMBOFF POINTED TO STRIKING SIMILARITY BETWEEN SOVIET AND PCI POSITIONS ON VIRTUALLY ALL MAJOR QUESTIONS, LEADING ONE TO QUESTION THE DEGREE OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE PARTY FROM MOSCOW. PURSUING HIS POINT, EMBOFF TOOK THE MIDDLE EAST, THE HORN OF AFRICA AND THE N-BOMB AS EXAMPLES. BARCA RESPONDED THAT IT WAS NOT EASY TO CONDUCT VARIOUS RELATIONSHIPS OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. REGARDING THE HORN OF AFRICA, HE SAID THAT CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ERITREA WOULD PRESENT A MAJOR DILEMMA FOR THE PCI, AND HE HOPED THAT THIS WOULD BE AVOIDED. REGARDING SUPPORT OF ETHIOPIA, IT CAME ABOUT LARGELY AS THE RESULT OF THE INFLUENCE OF GIAN CARLO PAJETTA, THE SECRETARIAT MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. BARCA SUGGESTED HE WAS CRITICAL OF PAJETTA'S ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA, AND STATED THAT PAJETTA'S PERSONAL AMBITIONS MIGHT HAVE AFFECTED DECISIONS HE HAD MADE.

8. WITH REFERENCE TO THE PARTY'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE U.S., BARCA SAID THAT THE STATIONING OF A L'UNITA CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON SHOULD BE SEEN AS A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT SINCE IT PERMITS THE PCI RANK-AND-FILE TO RECEIVE A MORE BALANCED IMAGE OF AMERICAN EVENTS THATN

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THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED. EMBOFF AGREED, BUT STATED THAT A GOOD DEAL OF L'UNITA COVERAGE OF THE UNITED STATES IS STILL NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE PARTY'S PROFESSED POLICY OF DESIRING TO BE NEITHER ANTI-SOVIET NOR ANTI-AMERICAN. 9. THE SOCIALISTS. BARCA COMMENTED THAT THE SOCIALIST PARTY CONGRESS HAD CONCLUDED WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE RIGHT PROGRAM BY THE WRONG MAJORITY. HE CRITICIZED SOME OF HIS PARTY COLLEAGUES, AMONG THEM PAJETTA, FOR HAVING BACKED MISTAKENLY ENRICO MANCA IN HIS CHALLENGE AGAINST PARTY SECRETARY CRAXI. BARCA SAID IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER CRAXI WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN RESHAPING THE NATURE OF HIS PARTY.

10. THE FGCI CONGRESS. ACCORDING TO BARCA, THE PARTY HAD HOPED THAT THE COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION'S CONGRESS IN FLORENCE WOULD LEAD TO A REORGANIZATION OF ITS STRUCTURE. THE DESIGN IS TO CREATE A MASS ORGANIZATION WHICH DOES NOT HAVE A HIERARCHY IDENTICAL IN STRUCTURE TO THAT OF THE PCI HAND IN WHICH DOMOCRATIC CENTRALISM WOULD HAVE A REDUCED SIGNIFICANCE. IN ESSENCE, THE OBJECTIVE IS TO PERMIT ADHERENCE TO THE FGCI OF GROUPS NOT FORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH COMMUNIST THOUGHT. THE MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS GROUPS WILL ELECT, WITHOUT

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FGCI OR PCI GUIDANCE, THE INDIVIDUALS THEY WOULD WISH TO REPRESENT THEM ON THE APPROPRIATE FGCI GOVERNING BODY. THE FACT THAT THE CONGRESS IS OVERSHADOWED BY THE MORO KIDNAPPING AND THE RISK THAT THE NEW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE COULD BE INFILTRATED BY EXTREME LEFTISTS MEANS THAT THE FGCI REFORMS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN A MORE GRADUAL AND CAUTIOUS MANNER THAN HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN ANTICIPATED.

1. SPANISH PARTY CONGRESS. DUE TO DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO THE MORO KIDNAPPING. SECRETARIAT MEMBERS GERARDO CHIAROMONTE HAD TO DROP PLANS TO LEAD THE PCI DELEGATION
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TO THE CONGRESS OF THE SPANISH COMMUNISTS. BARCA REVEALED THAT BERLINGUER HAD INTENDED TO MAKE AN UNANNOUNCED VISIT TO THE CONGRESS ON THE LAST DAY TO DEMONSTRATE HIS SUPPORT FOR CARRILLO, BUT THE MORO KIDNAPPING OBLIGED HIM TO CHANGE HIS PLANS.

12. PCI SECURITY. BARCA SAID THAT THE PARTY HAS STEPPED UP ITS SECURITY, IN THE WAKE OF THE MORO KIDNAPPING, FOR BERLINGUER AND FOR ITS SECURITY SPOKESMAN, UGO PACCHIOLI. NONE OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LEADERSHIP HAVE ARMED ESCORTS, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE VARYING THEIR DAILY SCHEDULES AND THE ROUTES THEY USE BETWEEN HOME AND OFFICE. BARCA REMARKED AS AN ASIDE, THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS, THE PCI HAD PURCHASED AN ARMORED CAR FOR BERLINGUER'S POLICE ESCORT. (BERLINGUER WAS ALREADY RIDING AROUND IN AN ARMORED VEHICLE). GARDNER

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