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SPECIFIC Conversation between Don Juan and Ambassador Luce

Headquarters action required: For information

Forwarded herewith for your information is a memorandum of comments by Spanish pretender DON JUAN to Ambassador LUCE on 10 February. It is suggested that this be shown to the Ambassies in Madrid and Lisbon.

cc: CP.

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Attachments: memo of conversation h/w

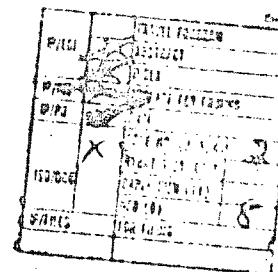
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shown how bitter the feeling is against the Falangists. However, a
communist cell penetrated the Liberal Party and the issue is now
against the Catholics. As a result, the Catholics, liberals and monarchists
are now divided. And so far the other districts of Madrid
are long in a ~~silence~~^{silence} - ~~silence~~^{silence} of Madrid in October. Monarchs
in a blow-out is bound to come. Spain starts in several years. In the
critical, one of such a blow-up could become abettor of a certain General.
General (use for often, but a parently number two under Franco) to
seize power for himself. Von Juan thinks that he has three last chances.
Centralis lined up. The seizure by the other districts of Madrid,
Barcelona and ~~Madrid~~^{Madrid} North of Madrid in Catalonia, Catalonia
is the strongest area for Don Juan. He recently stopped ~~there~~^{there} in his
airplane for a conference which took place on the airfield for two hours.

John Dunn said that no one is pleased with the present law of election. He stated that his son is a "fine boy," but "disciplined the terrorist" but the committee to protect John Kelly would not prevent a general way of discussion. John Dunn plainly felt that his son would be subject to no punishment if any difficulties arose.

Don Juan felt that the Liberator would be prepared very quickly to what ever he would have to do. Don Juan believed that the Liberator must go down with the people which meant to go down with the left. However he believed that the Marxist Party had stated that this Marxist would be put out by the communists. Don Juan could also be prepared to do what he felt that the British problem could be regulated very quickly as the British would no sooner settle the matter out with France. If he had anything to do with it he would settle for having the Spanish play on the British until the British had control of the rock. He commented that the rock did not worth buying it as a military fortress and a stone would not put it out of submission. Don Juan would also be prepared to negotiate with the British for two Moroccan ports on the other side of the straits.

The French have put the Spaniards in a box by the rapidity with which they are proceeding to grant independence to Morocco. Two years ago the Spanish seemed liberal, and the French appeared to be reactionary. Today

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the situation is reversed in the eyes of the Americans. Don Juan feels that he has excellent contacts with the American embassy in liaison through Mr. Brown (presumably Mr. John S. Brown, in ~~service~~ of the Embassy). He feels that he has been of some service to Americans because Americans otherwise have "an unfortunate tendency to call anything they do not like in Spain either communist or monarchist." Americans seem to him more pro-Franco now than they were ever before and are increasingly attempting to call my threat to stability a anarchist. Don Juan converted most Americans opposed Franco when he was strong but now are pro-Franco despite the fact that the opposition cause is rising. Don Juan hopes that Americans to understand that sooner or later they must face on problem of Spain if the political situation there grows worse or Franco dies. He hopes the Americans have a policy thought out already ready for these eventualities.

Don Juan plans to go to the U.S. next year. He would like to visit Detroit, Pittsburgh, etc. He would like to call on the President at the White House. He remarked that he had called on President Roosevelt even during the Spanish Civil War and he has no reason why President Eisenhower would not receive him. However he does not know how quite to act on such a sensitive point without appreciating American guidance.

Concerning the Americans, Don Juan stated that the situation is bad but that he had not believed the revolutionaries will come back. The example of Franco's love for God and other misconduct has done him too much damage. A monarchist cannot be glad over the "unshirted ones" but even if a free election they would not do well. The former is not the Peronists, it is the right wing communists which are working within them.

When asked of recent problems, Don Juan said he talks with Umberto. Umberto has little faith in the possibility of his restoration and, what is worse, he will do little and care little interest in the final outcome. He quoted Umberto as saying, "There is only one man I will do anything for" Umberto's son, the prince, is still a king and has no sense of duty. He lives a life of luxury and influenced by his mother. He is a bit silly and has no ill conception in the future of Italy. Recently a number of leading economists consulted him in Geneva, but he refused to see them. A number of people had an appointment for some truce, Don Juan stated he would like to do so, but this is silent but does not believe Umberto will be ready to make up with it.

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