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THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

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to Dr. Simon Segal
from Sergio Nudelstejer

subject "MURO" Organization

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I wish to inform you the following: On a document without any previous antecedent, some days ago, the mexican Cardinal, Dr. Miguel Darío Miranda, Primate Archbishop, made a public condemnation against the "Movimiento Universitario de Renovadora Orientación" (Universitary Movement of Renovatory Orientation) (MURO) as well as his reprobation to the affiliation and militance of teachers and pupils of the catholic -- schools to the archiepiscopal diocese of such organization, which has made itself - famous for its repression and terrorist measures of a nazi-fascist tendency.

The document, signed by Cardinal Miranda was delivered to the press of Mexico by -- the "Centro Nacional de Comunicación Social" (CENCOCS) and it is addressed to the di rectors of the Catholic Schools of the Mexican Republic, and specially those laboring in Mexico City.

The text of such declarations, reads as follows:

"The covetousness with which the different ideologies try to take possession of the youth, wealthy period of life for its generosity, dynamism and self deliverance to an ideal to create the future".

"We must dissuade the teachers, as well as the pupils of affiliating or to continue affiliated to the MURO; and we must not allow the organization of MURO cells into - the schools".

Cardinal Miranda added: "We are deeply worried about a student's organization, -- -MURO-, which encouraged with ideals on which they mix noble and just aims, they use some means on which they abandon the lines of the Church and sometimes even the same moral laws, which must rule every human action to be right and blessed by God, and using as specious attractive inducement for the youth, they do not doubt in creating a not very orthodox mysticism, to cover themselves secretly, to ask for promises and oaths and to hang on religion as one of the most skillfull means to attract adepts among those who have the truth of Christ, which in no moment and under no - circumstances may omit charity as its fundamental characteristic".

The fact which led Cardinal Miranda to make such public declaration of reprobation against this extreme right organization, are based on a series of activities realized during the last few months by this group by attacking mexican personalities, specially belonging to the left, universitary professors, students who do not accept their ideas and the fascist campaign which they have been holding all over the country, with which they are bothering not only the authorities but now the Church, until a level on which the same Cardinal has had to interfere.

Unflinchingly rightists, the members of MURD are on their major part young students of Catholic origin, who interpret the Christian ideals by main force, by deployment of insolence, with constant application of violence, subversion and terrorist attacks.

Among the political media of Mexico, it is considered that this declaration made by the most important authority of the Catholic Church, will stop this organization. I also wish to print out the similitude between the activities and philosophy of this group MURD, and the TACUARA of Argentine.

Please receive my best personal regards.



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