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de LIBERACIÓN NACIONAL PUERTORRIQUEÑA

Today a bomb was placed in the capitalist enterprise, New York Hilton Hotel. We the FALN take responsibility for the action as a protest against colonial governor Rafael Hernández Colón's assurances to U.S. capitalist corporations to invest in Puerto Rico and to assist in his re-election. This only demonstrates to the working class who the actual oppressors of the working class and the Puerto Rican people are.

Hernández Colón is today welcomed at a banquet by the same corporations that have kept our people oppressed through low wages, inflationary standards of living, the genocide of men, women and children, attempts to destroy our culture and language through forced assimilation. That all these jackals should be in one room discussing the colonial elections of this coming November only reinforces our resolve to struggle for the independence of Puerto Rico until our

colonized nation finally reaches its triumph.

As Hernández Colón reassures capitalist corporations that their investment in Puerto Rico will face no political complications, we, the FALN, assure the yanqui imperialists that neither their lives, nor their property, nor their investments will be safe until we obtain the freedom of our country. The honorable nationalist leader, Pedro Albizu Campos, whose 85th birthday was on Sept. 12, fought for the independence of Puerto Rico to the end of his life. He opposed colonial elections, for he knew that they served only to reinforce yanqui control of our people. We also oppose the colonial electoral process, for we believe that its purpose is to stop our struggle and to focus the independence movement on working within their system. A system which can never be used to obtain freedom from colonial bondage.

In bombing the New York Hilton, we strike against one of the corporations most responsible for yanqui colonialism in our country. Our action today is also in remembrance of Pedro Albizu Campos' birthday and September 23, the 108th anniversary of our First revolution against Spanish colonialism. We also wish to communicate our profound sorrow on the death of CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG whose teaching has inspired the entire FALN every step of the way.

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INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO NOW!
OPPOSE ELECTORAL OPPORTUNISM IN PUERTO RICO!

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