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REMARKS MADE BY PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER CONCERNING THE EXPULSION OF BISHOP VOEGELI, AMERICAN EPISCOPAL BISHOP, AND DUVALIER'S ATTITUDE TOWARD AMERICANS

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QUESTIONED THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION IN EXPELLING BISHOP VOEGELI, AMERICAN EPISCOPAL BISHOP, BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE RAMIFICATIONS. DUVALIER REPLIED THAT HE KNEW AMERICANS, AND THEY CONSIDERED HAITIANS TO HAVE THE MENTALITY OF SEVEN-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN; THAT, IF ONE DEMONSTRATED WEAKNESS IN THE PRESENCE OF AMERICANS, THEY WOULD DO AS THEY WISHED. HE SAID THAT FORMER PRESIDENT ELIE LESCOT USED TO FLATTER AMERICANS AND "BOW HIS HEAD" BEFORE THEM, BUT HE HIMSELF WOULD PREFER TO DIE WITH HIS FAMILY RATHER THAN TO "APPEAR SMALL"

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BEFORE THE "AMERICAN DOGS." DUVALIER SAID THAT AMERICANS WERE "WICKED, HYPOCRITICAL JACKALS" AND GAVE AS AN EXAMPLE OF AMERICAN MACHINATIONS THE RECENT OVERTHROW OF GOULART IN BRAZIL. DUVALIER CONTINUED "THANKS TO GOD" HIS CIVIL MILITIA, PRESIDENTIAL GUARD, AND NEW ARMY, WHICH INCLUDED FAITHFUL OFFICERS SUCH AS GRACIA JACQUES, LUC PIERRE-LOUIS, GERARD CONSTANT, FRANCK ROMAIN, GUSTAVE SILVA, GABRIEL BRUNET, AND OTHERS, THIS WOULD NOT HAPPEN TO HIM, BECAUSE THESE MEN ARE "FANATICS READY TO DIE FOR DUVALIER."

2. DUVALIER SAID THAT BISHOP VOEGELI WAS A FORMER DUVALIERIST WHO CHOSE NOW TO WORK AGAINST DUVALIER. [REDACTED] COMMENT: DUVALIER IS PROBABLY REFERRING TO VOEGELI'S ATTEMPT TO PREVENT AN EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED HAITIAN PRIEST FROM JOINING THE MILITIA BY TRANSFERRING HIM TO ANOTHER POST.) DUVALIER ALSO SAID THAT THIS WAS NO LONGER THE PERIOD WHEN WHITES COULD DO AS THEY WISHED IN HAITI, THAT THIS WAS A NEW ERA; AND HE GAVE AS AN EXAMPLE THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT COULD DO NOTHING TO CASTRO.

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3. DUVALIER [REDACTED] [REDACTED] KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING. [REDACTED] HAITI WOULD SURVIVE AND [REDACTED] THE NAME OF DUVALIER WOULD REMAIN FOR A LONG TIME IN HISTORY, BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO DUVALIER, THERE ARE ONLY TWO GREAT

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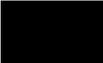
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MEN IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE WHO CAN MAKE AMERICANS TREMBLE. THEY ARE CASTRO AND DUVALIER. "IT IS UNFORTUNATE," DUVALIER SAID, "BUT CASTRO DOES NOT WISH AN ENTENTE WITH ME."

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