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HAITIAN PRESIDENT'S USE OF T-28 AIRCRAFT TO BOMB REBELS

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1. AS OF 17 OCTOBER 1964, HAITIAN PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER HAD ORDERED "SONNY" BORGE, HAITIAN ARTILLERY EXPERT, TO USE T-28 AIRCRAFT TO BOMB THE TOWNS OF JACMEL AND JEREMIE.

BORGE ACTUALLY HAD THE AIRCRAFT BOMB AROUND THE TOWNS BUT NOT DIRECTLY IN THE TOWNS.

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2. COMMENT: DUVALIER CANNOT REALLY EXPECT THE T-28'S TO DO ANY DAMAGE TO THE REBELS. THE AIRCRAFT ARE MERELY BEING USED TO IMPRESS THE NATIVES.)

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3. COMMENT: AN INDEPENDENT SOURCE REPORTED THAT ON 19 SEPTEMBER, A MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE OF A UNITED STATES

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AIRLINE ACCEPTED AN OFFER OF THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT TO SIGN A SHORT TERM AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT. THE EMPLOYEE WAS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE A SURVEY OF T-28 AIRCRAFT IN HAITI TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING MACHINE GUN AND NAPALM CONTAINER MOUNTS ON THE AIRCRAFT.)

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE T-28'S BEING USED IN HAITI ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE EQUIPPED FOR BOMBING MISSIONS.)

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