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TEXT OF A C. I. A. REPORT:

[REDACTED] Juan Bosch [REDACTED] had not decided exactly how to handle the issue of the Inter-American Peace Force (IAPF) and the question as to whether it should leave the country immediately after the national elections scheduled for June 1, 1966.

While Bosch realizes that he would gain votes by making the IAPF a "whipping boy" during his electoral campaign, he also believes that if he is elected, he will need the IAPF in the country in order to govern successfully during the first few months of his regime. Bosch fears that he will be overthrown by the Dominican military, and he wants to make some necessary changes in the military structure and leadership.

He realizes that if the IAPF remains in the country for a short but indefinite time after the elections, it will serve as a deterrent force to the Dominican military who might otherwise consider or actually plan his overthrow.

Bosch also is privately considering how to make known to the U. S. Government that he plans, if he wins the election, to control his anti-American attitude and to work closely with the United States for mutual benefit. [REDACTED] this does not necessarily represent a change in Bosch's political beliefs, but it does reflect his facing the fact that he cannot govern successfully without U. S. Government support.)

Bosch is now caught in the middle between his campaign ideals and the more practical position which he realizes he must take if he is to stay in power after election. He has expressed privately his belief that he is the victim of circumstances; he refuses to accept the explanation of some of his close non-political friends that his own machinations have put him in his present position.

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