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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM
SITUATION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

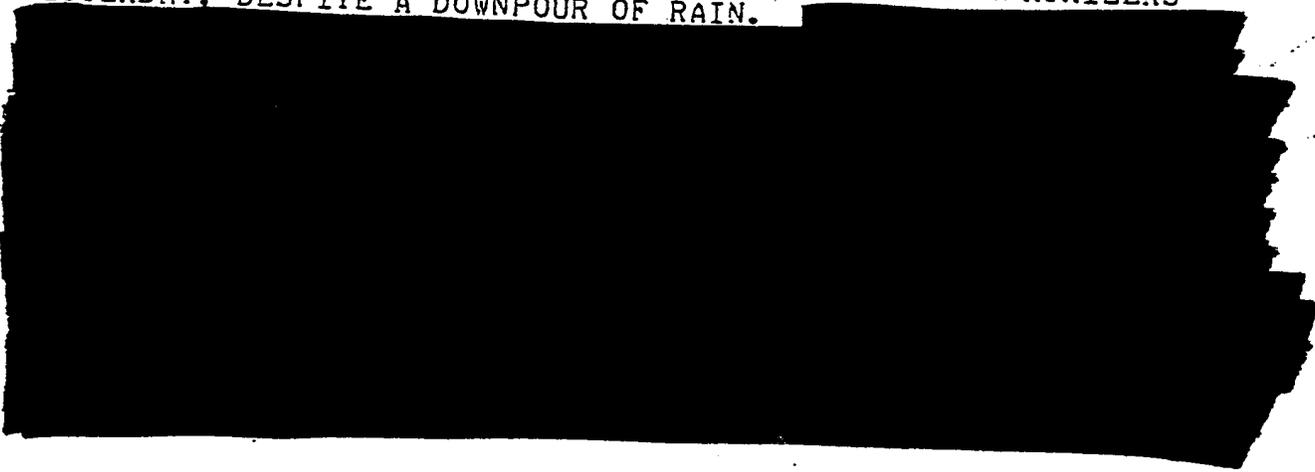
THE MOST ENCOURAGING NEW DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES TO BE THE INITIATIVE WHICH CERTAIN RESPONSIBLE DOMINICAN CITIZENS ARE BEGINNING TO TAKE TOWARD FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE IMPASSE.

THE US EMBASSY REPORTS THAT THE GROUP OF RESPECTED CITIZENS OF SANTIAGO WHICH IS SEEKING A MODERATE ALTERNATIVE TO BOTH THE IMBERT AND THE CAAMANO GOVERNMENTS SENT REPRESENTATIVES TO SEE SECRETARY GENERAL MORA YESTERDAY. THE EMBASSY FEELS THAT THE GROUP MAY SHORTLY BE PREPARED TO BRING FORTH SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS.

MEANWHILE, A GROUP IN THE DOMINICAN NAVAL HEADQUARTERS IS REPORTED TO BE IN THE PROCESS OF SELECTING A LIST OF RESPECTED DOMINICAN ENGINEERS AND TECHNICIANS WHICH IT INTENDS TO SUGGEST AS A NEW "GOVERNMENT OF TECHNICIANS" WHICH WOULD GOVERN UNTIL AFTER NATIONAL ELECTIONS. THE GROUP IS SAID TO FEEL THAT THE IDEA OF SUCH AN APOLITICAL GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ANTONIO IMBERT AS WELL AS TO THE US AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. IMBERT HIMSELF SHOULD PROBABLY BE INCLUDED IN THE GOVERNMENT IN SOME CAPACITY "FOR THE PRESENT," IN THE OPINION OF THE GROUP, SINCE THEY CONSIDER HIM A NATIONAL HERO.

THE REBEL CONTROLLED PORTION OF SANTO DOMINGO WITNESSED A DEMONSTRATION OF BETWEEN 1,000 AND 1,200 REBEL SYMPATHIZERS YESTERDAY. DESPITE A DOWNPOUR OF RAIN.

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CONDITIONS IN THE INTERIOR OF THE COUNTRY REMAIN QUIET. THIS SEEMS TO BE DUE IN NO SMALL PART TO THE HEAVY RAINS WHICH ARE FALLING ALMOST COUNTRYWIDE. THE RAINS HAVE RELIEVED TENSIONS AFTER A LONG DROUGHT, AND HAVE KEPT ACTIVITY TO A MINIMUM.

THERE WAS AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT WEAPONS WERE BEING MOVED BY PICKUP TRUCK AT THE TOWN OF TAMBORIL, A FEW MILES EAST OF SANTIAGO. LOCAL MILITARY AND POLICE OFFICERS, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM OR REFUTE THE REPORT.

THE GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY IS EXPECTED SHORTLY TO ANNOUNCE ITS INTENTION TO SEND A CONTINGENT TO THE INTER-AMERICAN ARMED FORCE (IAAF) IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. A HIGH OFFICIAL OF THE PARAGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMED THE US EMBASSY YESTERDAY THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT MAY COME TODAY, BUT MORE LIKELY ON MONDAY. THE PARAGUAYANS TENTATIVELY PLAN TO SEND A 173-MAN RIFLE COMPANY COMPOSED OF HAND-PICKED TRAINED PERSONNEL. THIS WILL RAISE TO FIVE THE NUMBER OF LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS WITH MILITARY CONTINGENTS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

THE IAAF COMMANDER, BRAZILIAN GENERAL HUGO PANASCO ALVIN, IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN SANTO DOMINGO TODAY.

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