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CIA DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SITUATION REPORT

ALTHOUGH DOMINICANS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ARE ANXIOUS FOR A RETURN TO NORMALITY, THE HARDENING INTRASIGENCE OF BOTH THE IMBERT AND THE CAAMANO CAMPS IS MAKING THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT INCREASINGLY REMOTE.

THE IMBERT FORCES ARE NOW REFERRING TO ALL ELEMENTS IN THE REBEL CAMP AS "COMMUNISTS" AND ARE CALLING FOR THEIR COMPLETE ELIMINATION. FRUSTRATED BY THE CEASEFIRE AND THE AMERICAN TROOPS THAT ARE INHIBITING LOYALIST ACTION AGAINST THE REBEL STRONGHOLD, IMBERT CONTINUES TO TALK OF THE "POPULAR DEMANDS" FOR THE ARMING OF CIVILIANS TO DO THE JOB. THE EXTENT TO WHICH IMBERT'S FORCES ARE THEMSELVES GENERATING THESE "POPULAR DEMANDS" CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED AT THIS TIME. IT IS CLEAR BOTH THAT HE IS EXPLOITING THEM TO THE UTMOST AND THAT THERE IS A GENUINE UPSURGE OF ANTI-COMMUNIST SENTIMENT IN VARIOUS SECTORS, PARTICULARLY AMONG THE MIDDLE AND UPPER CLASSES AND IN THE TRADITIONALLY CONSERVATIVE AREAS IN AND AROUND SANTIAGO.

IMBERT APPEARS TO BE EMBOLDENED BY THE INCREASING CONSOLIDATION OF HIS REGIME TO RENEGE ON SOME OF THE COMMITMENTS HE MADE LAST WEEK TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS). FOR A WEEK HE HAS STALLED ON IMPLEMENTING HIS PROMISE TO TURN RADIO SANTO DOMINGO OVER TO THE OAS AND NOW SEEMS INTENT ON KEEPING THE STATION UNDER THE CONTROL OF HIS GOVERNMENT. ON THE QUESTION OF SALARY PAYMENTS TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, WHICH HE HAD AGREED COULD BE HANDLED BY THE OAS, HE HAS REPEATEDLY STALLED AND YESTERDAY BEGAN ISSUING LARGE AMOUNTS IN GOVERNMENT CHECKS ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY. ALARMED AT THE INFLATIONARY THREAT PRESENTED BY THIS MOVE, THE OAS MOVED TROOPS TO THE CENTRAL BANK TO PREVENT ANY UNAUTHORIZED WITHDRAWALS. (THE BANK IS LOCATED WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SAFETY ZONE). IMBERT THEN PROCEEDED TO BLAST THE OAS PUBLICLY FOR "OCCUPYING" THE BANK WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

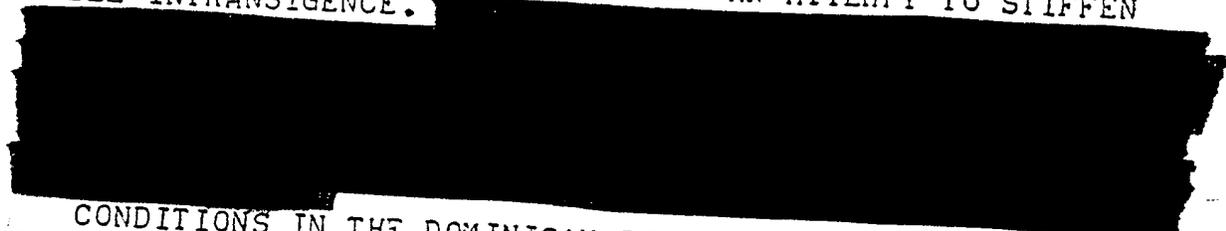
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MEANWHILE, THERE IS NO LETUP IN THE REBEL PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN CONDEMNING THE UNITED STATES FOR TRYING TO IMPOSE POLITICAL SOLUTIONS CONTRARY TO THE PEOPLE'S INTERESTS. COMMENTING ON THE COMMUNICATION WHICH THE CAAMANO GOVERNMENT SENT TO 37 FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS REQUESTING DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, THE US EMBASSY STATED LATE YESTERDAY THAT THIS "TENDENTIOUS APPROACH" DEMONSTRATES THAT THE CAAMANO GOVERNMENT HAS PLACED ITSELF FIRMLY IN THE COMPANY OF THOSE WHO SEEK TO DISCREDIT THE US AT ANY COST TO THE TRUTH. COMMUNISTS WITHIN THE REBEL CAMP ARE PREPARING TO STEP UP THEIR OWN PROPAGANDA EFFORTS IN AN ATTEMPT TO STIFFEN REBEL INTRANSIGENCE.



CONDITIONS IN THE DOMINICAN INTERIOR ARE BECOMING MORE RESTIVE. IN SANTIAGO YESTERDAY MEMBERS OF BOSCH'S DOMINICAN REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PRD) AND OTHER PRO-REBEL GROUPS TRIED TO BREAK UP INTERVIEWS BEING CONDUCTED BY A UNITED NATIONS TEAM VISITING THE CITY. AT LEAST NINE AGITATORS WERE ARRESTED WHEN THEY TRIED TO GET TOGETHER A CROWD TO HOLD A DEMONSTRATION IN A SANTIAGO PARK. ALSO YESTERDAY, THE PSPD IN SANTIAGO WAS CIRCULATING A MIMEOGRAPHED LEAFLET ATTACKING US POLICY IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

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CONRADO GONZALEZ HAS EMERGED AS THE DE FACTO LEADER OF THE PRD IN THE SANTIAGO AREA, ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATE THERE. HE APPARENTLY HAS THE COOPERATION OF THE TELEPHONE OPERATORS WHO ARE PROVIDING HIM WITH PRIOR INFORMATION ON THE ARRIVAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS TEAM NO TOURING THE AREA. THIS PERMITS HIM TO ORGANIZE GROUPS OF REBEL SYMPATHIZERS TO MEET WITH THE UN TEAM TO THE EXCLUSION OF OTHER POLITICAL GROUPS. HE WAS NOTABLY SUCCESSFUL WITH THIS TACTIC IN SAN FRANCISCO DE MACORIS ON WEDNESDAY AND INITIALLY SUCCESSFUL IN SANTIAGO YESTERDAY, UNTIL THE DISTURBANCES REFERRED TO IN THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH TOOK PLACE.

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