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SUBJECT

RECENT REMARKS BY PRESIDENT DUVALIER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CONCERNING HIS RELATIONS WITH
THE UNITED STATES

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[REDACTED] PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER

STATED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT THE FOREIGN POWERS WERE AWARE NOW THAT THE LIFETIME PRESIDENCY WAS A SERIOUS MATTER, BECAUSE NOT ONLY THE ARMY, THE MILITIA, AND ALL THE HAITIAN PEOPLE SUPPORTED HIM BUT ALSO THE JUDICIARY WHICH RECENTLY CAME TO HIM TO PAY HOMAGE . NOW THAT THE JUDICIARY HAS MANIFESTED ITS ALLEGIANCE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE DUVALIERIST REVOLUTION, DUVALIER STATED, THERE REMAINED ONLY TWO MORE TASKS TO ACCOMPLISH. ONE WILL BE THE RALLYING TOGETHER AND FUSING OF ALL CLASSES OF HAITIAN SOCIETY; THE OTHER WILL BE A

RECONCILIATION WITH THOSE WHO CLAIM TO BE DUVALIER'S FRIENDS BUT

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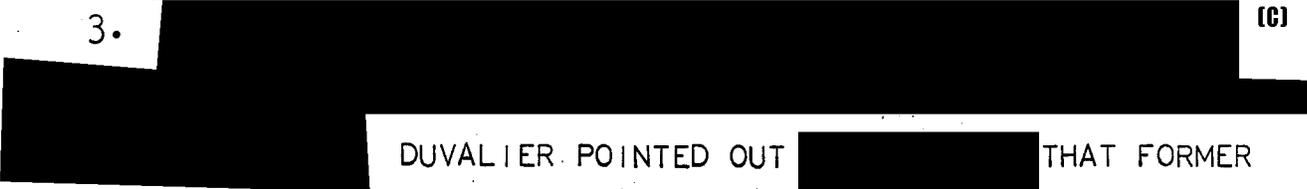
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WHO REALLY ARE HIS ENEMIES, I.E. THE AMERICANS.

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DUVALIER POINTED OUT  THAT FORMER AMERICAN AMBASSADOR RAYMOND THURSTON USED TO CONDUCT HIMSELF IN AN ARROGANT FASHION AND TALK LIKE A "BIG-SHOT WHITE MAN" AS WAS DONE DURING THE ERA OF THE CHARTER OF CHAPULTEPEC AND THE MONROE DOCTRINE WHEN "THE BIG ONES USED TO EAT THE LITTLE ONES." BUT NOW, ACCORDING TO DUVALIER, THINGS ARE DIFFERENT, AND THESE TACTICS CAN NO LONGER SUCCEED. DUVALIER MENTIONED THAT AMBASSADOR TIMMONS HAD OFFERED \$300,000, THE RETURN OF TOURISTS, AND THE REOPENING OF A UNITED STATES AID MISSION IN HAITI. (AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: REFERENCE TO "\$300,000" CLEARLY REFERS TO INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK LOAN, WHICH WAS AMONG SUBJECTS DISCUSSED AT VARIOUS TIMES BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER CHALMERS AND AMBASSADOR ALTHOUGH SUCH LOAN NOT "PROMISED" BY US GOVERNMENT SINCE IT MADE BY INTERNATIONAL LENDING ORGANIZATION. RESUMPTION OF TOURISM ALSO DISCUSSED BETWEEN CHALMERS AND AMBASSADOR, BUT REOPENING OF AID MISSION HAS NEVER

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ARISEN IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS.) IN RETURN, DUVALIER CONTINUED, THE AMERICANS WANT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY AND ADDED, "AS IF THIS LITTLE HAITI, THIS HAITI I KNOW, WAS MADE FOR DEMOCRACY." IF THIS HAPPENED, DUVALIER STATED, HE WOULD BE OVERTHROWN IN A DAY, AND PEOPLE WOULD SAY AS THEY DID DURING THE TIME OF FORMER PRESIDENT DUMARSAIS ESTIME THAT HE HAD LOST CONTROL OF THE SITUATION. DUVALIER TOLD THE GROUP THAT WHEN THE AMERICANS PROMISED SOMETHING, IT WAS A JOKE, AND ASKED WHERE WERE THE \$300,000, THE TOURIST BOATS THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO COME TWO OR THREE TIMES A WEEK, AND THE NAVAL SHIPS THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO COME EVERY SATURDAY AND GIVE 21-GUN SALUTES. (AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CHALMERS AND AMBASSADOR, ^{WAS} IT/NEVER INDICATED GRACE LINE CRUISE SHIPS WOULD COME "TWO OR THREE TIMES A WEEK". US NAVAL VISITS HAVE ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED, BUT AMBASSADOR HAS MADE CLEAR THAT NO REGULAR SCHEDULE WAS INVOLVED. QUESTION OF FIRING SALUTES HAS NEVER ARISEN, AND AMBASSADOR HAS MADE CLEAR VISITS WERE ONLY FOR LIBERTY PURPOSES.)

4. DUVALIER CONCEDED THAT TIMMONS WAS AN INTELLIGENT AND TRICKY WHITE MAN. DUVALIER ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT DUVALIER WAS BOTH A BROWN NEGRO AND AFRICAN, THAT HE HAD THE GUINEA HEN AS HIS SYMBOL AS HITLER HAD THE SWASTIKA AS HIS, AND THAT HITLER ACCOMPLISHED GREAT THINGS BEFORE HIS SUICIDE. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE FLAG OF DUVALIER'S PARTY IS BLACK AND RED AND HAS THE CONCH AND

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GUINEA HEN AS ITS SYMBOL. DUVALIER ADMIRES THE GUINEA HEN, BECAUSE IT IS A DECEPTIVE BIRD VERY DIFFICULT TO CATCH.)

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5. DUVALIER REASSURED [REDACTED] HE KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING, AND THAT BY PLAYING THE GAME SHREWDLY WITH THE AMERICANS, HE "WOULD HAVE THEM." DUVALIER CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE AMERICANS WERE GOING TO GIVE HIM MONEY AND WOULD BE FORCED TO COOPERATE WITH HIM, BECAUSE THE WHOLE HAITIAN NATION WAS DEMANDING THE LIFETIME PRESIDENCY.

6. FIELD DISSEM: STATE, ARMY, CINCLANT, CINCSO.

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