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TO : Chief, WH, for DUNBAR

FROM : Jacob R. SEEKFORD

SUBJECT : Proposed visit by [] to General Trujillo
of the Dominican Republic and to President Perez Jimenez
of Venezuela.

1. Trujillo and Perez Jimenez have, through their ambassadors [] contacted [] with a request that he visit them immediately on an urgent matter relative to Costa Rica. They have forwarded funds to pay for Calderon Guardia's travel.

2. [] SEEKFORD []

3. [] has reason to believe that Trujillo and Perez Jimenez are preparing for a joint military operation against Costa Rica in the immediate future and that they want him to head the operation. As he believes in, and is pledged to the completion of, the CALLIGERIS operation prior to all other operations, he asked for instructions.

4. [] was instructed to make the trip and a) absolutely refuse to discuss the CALLIGERIS operation; and b) accept leadership of Costa Rican venture if offered.

5. By paragraph 4 above, CALLIGERIS and GROUP will be privy to plans of Trujillo and Perez Jimenez and can thereby exercise a certain degree of control. Secondly, in thirty to forty days the CALLIGERIS operation will have firmed up to the point where political manouevering can be carried out with Trujillo and Perez Jimenez with the possibility (remote) of a combined operation against either one (1) or two (2) targets. At the minimum, any action by Trujillo and Perez Jimenez can be exploited by GROUP as a screen for CALLIGERIS operation.

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FIELD COMMENT: I believe this to be an attempt by Trujillo and Perez Jimenez to ellicit information as to the status of CALLIGERIS operation, and/or an attempt to re-enter the picture for any benefits to be derived therefrom in the future. I believe both Trujillo and Perez Jimenez now realize CALLIGERIS is going to act decisively. GROUP should consider possibilities of exploitation.