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Hint Baker Link To Bosch Backers

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Los Angeles Times Special
Washington, D. C. — The
central intelligence agency
(CIA) reported last March that
former senate majority secre-
tary Bobby Baker may have
been working with financial
backers of Juan Bosch, former
president of the Dominican
Republic:

This was learned Thursday
from secret testimony taken by
the senate foreign relations
committee last July during its
investigation of United States
intervention in the Dominican
rebellion.

Testimony of CIA Director
William F. Raborn, Undersec-
retary of State Thomas Mann
and other high administration
officials still is classified as
"secret."

The testimony covered a wide
range of United States military,
diplomatic intelligence and ec-
onomic involvement in the
Dominican Republic before and
after a coup was launched on
April 24 against the regime of
Donald Reid Cabral.

Baker's name was brought
into the hearings by Sen. Hicken-
looper (R-Iowa).

Hickenlooper asked Mann if
he had any knowledge that
Baker was "working in collab-
oration" with Diego Bordas and
Jose Benitez, both friends of
Baker and who reportedly were
helping to bankroll Bosch.

"This information, I think,"
Mann said, "is included in a
CIA report dated the 18th of
March, 1965 . . . I have no
knowledge except what is con-
tained in this report."