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1. It is reported that on the morning of 31 January 1949, Anselmo Paulino, Dominican Secretary of State, without portfolio, personally called at the home of Manuel Imbert, prominent Dominican banker, and requested him to obtain \$120,000 in United States currency as soon as possible. Paulino advised that the money was urgently needed by President Trujillo.

2. During the afternoon of 31 January, Fred Imbert, brother of Manuel and a resident of San Juan, Puerto Rico, arrived in Ciudad Trujillo from San Juan aboard a cargo plane of the Compania Dominicana de Aviacion (CDA) reportedly with the \$120,000 in his possession. The final disposition of the money in Imbert's possession is unknown at the present time, (Comment. A report from Port-au-Prince advised that Colonel Astrel Roland, formerly Haitian Minister to Ecuador, who was allegedly involved with Trujillo in a plot to overthrow the Haitian government, departed from San Juan for Ciudad Trujillo on the afternoon of 31 January. He traveled as a crew member on a Dominican cargo plane which is operated by the CDA between San Juan and Ciudad Trujillo. There is a strong possibility that Roland is currently in the Dominican Republic and that he arrived on the same plane with Fred Imbert.)

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