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2. RETALIATION BY PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER

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1. ON 9 JULY 1964 AN UNIDENTIFIED HAITIAN NAVAL VESSEL LEFT PORT-AU-PRINCE HARBOR TO COMBAT PARA-MILITARY AND GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE IN THE JACMEL AREA ON THE SOUTH COAST OF HAITI. MEMBERS OF THE CREW AND SEVERAL OFFICERS INTENTIONALLY GROUNDED THE VESSEL EN ROUTE TO THE SOUTH COAST. PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER IMMEDIATELY HAD ALL CREW MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ARRESTED AND HAD MOST OF THE PARTICIPANTS ASSASSINATED AND THE REMAINDER JAILED.

2. ON ABOUT 10 JULY TWO HAITIAN MILITARY TRUCKS LEFT PORT-AU-PRINCE FOR THE SOUTH COAST CARRYING TROOPS TO COMBAT THE INVADERS. BOTH TRUCKS WERE ATTACKED AND MADE INOPERATIVE. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: SEE TDCS-311/00550-54)

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WHICH REPORTED ON INSURRECTION, REPRISALS, AND TENSIONS AT JACMEL.)

3. SEVERAL PRIVATE VESSELS HAVE BEEN PUT INTO SERVICE BY DUVALIER'S FORCES FOR USE IN COMBATTING THE INVADERS, INCLUDING A HAITIAN LAUNCH OWNED BY MOSNHERRE APOLLON, DIRECTOR OF REGUE DU TABAC IN PORT-AU-PRINCE. THIS LAUNCH WAS PUT INTO SERVICE BY THE HAITIAN NAVY IN EARLY JULY.

4. SEVERAL HAITIAN BUSINESSMEN HAVE GIVEN MONEY, BOATS, ARMS, AND EQUIPMENT TO ANTI-DUVALIER GROUPS. FATHER JEAN BAPTISTE GEORGES, ADVISER TO THE FORCE ARMEE REVOLUTION HAITI (FARH), WAS GIVEN A VESSEL, TWO THIRTY-CALIBER MACHINE GUNS WITH 2,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION, AND A LARGE QUANTITY OF HAND GRENADES FOR STRIKES BY HIS GROUP AGAINST THE DUVALIER FORCES.

5. MEANWHILE DUVALIER HAS ADOPTED A POLICY OF RUTHLESSNESS AND TERROR THROUGHOUT HAITI. DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF JULY APPROXIMATELY 100 PERSONS WERE ASSASSINATED BY DUVALIER FORCES AT FORT DIMANCHE IN A SLAUGHTER WHICH DUVALIER PERSONALLY SUPERVISED.

6. [REDACTED]

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GAETJENS, A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF COLONEL DANIEL BEAUVOIR, WAS ASSASSINATED IN EARLY JULY. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE KILLING OF GAETJENS WAS

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SIGNIFICANT IN THAT IT INDICATED POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTIONS AGAINST HIS FRIENDS,
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