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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of the DCI on the Economy of the Dominican Republic

1. On 12 January the undersigned briefed the DCI on the Dominican economy. This briefing covered the following points: a) the predominance of agriculture in the economy, b) the limited mining and industrial activity in the country, c) the adequacy of transportation and communications, d) the performance of the economy since 1951, e) current economic problems, f) and prospects for the future. Graphics showing the topography of the Dominican Republic, gross national product (GNP) and per capita GNP since 1950, and a basic data board were used in the presentation.

2. The questions raised by the Director following the briefing were primarily concerned with the future level and administration of US aid.

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