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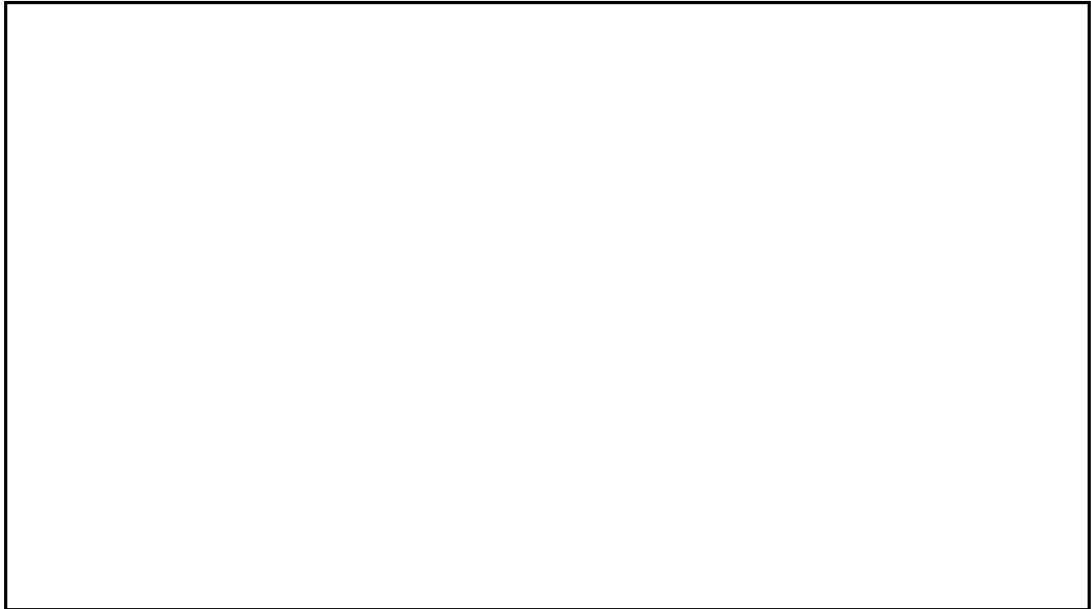**State Dept. review completed**

INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(Report #157 – Summary of Situation
from 9:00 pm – 5:00 am EDT)

1. Despite the ceasefire, sporadic sniper
fire continues against US forces and four more
American paratroopers were wounded late yesterday.
Contrary to some press reports appearing this
morning, no US military personnel are known to
have been captured by rebel forces. Total US
casualty figures now stand at eight killed and
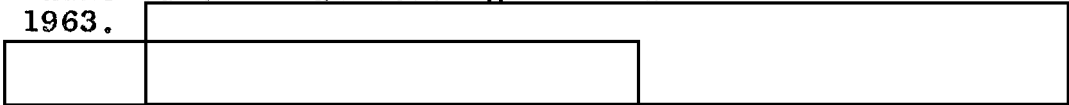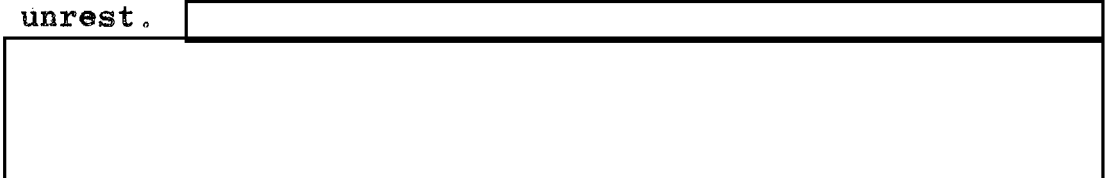54 wounded in action.

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4. There is additional information on conditions at several points in the interior. The area around San Juan de las Matas is quiet and anti-rebel forces are in control. This is the area just to the west of Santiago near where the extremists launched their abortive guerrilla effort in late 1963.

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San Pedro de Macoris reports a disturbing situation there which may well be prevalent in other parts of the country. He says the food situation is serious and yet local merchants have raised prices for foodstuffs they have in stock. Most of the people are unable to buy needed foods. In La Romana, the site of a US-owned sugar mill on the south coast, there has reportedly been some unrest.

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5. Ambassador Bennett reports some recent progress in the formation of a more broadly based government to represent the anti-rebel forces. The loyalist military officers have agreed to the naming of General Antonio Imbert as a member or president of a new junta, but there has been difficulty in obtaining the cooperation of respected civilians who could represent the country's major political currents. Most have refused outright or have imposed impossible conditions. Late last

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night, however, the ambassador reported that it seemed likely that a trio of civilian "technicians" has come forward which "might provide us with a government with enough base to give us a breathing spell."

6. Early this morning the Organization of American States approved a United States resolution to establish an inter-American peace force in the Dominican Republic. The vote was 14 to 5 (Mexico, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Uruguay) with Venezuela abstaining. The OAS will be in control of the force and can withdraw it when it is no longer needed. Members have been asked to contribute forces and a command arrangement will be determined by the individual national commanders consulting among themselves. The size of individual contingents will be determined by the OAS unified commanders.

7. The delegate of Caamano's rebel government, Antonio Rosario, a member of the extreme left and anti-American faction of the Social Christian Revolutionary Party apparently appeared at the meeting but did not attempt to unseat the loyalist Dominican delegate Jose Bonilla Atiles. The showdown was evidently avoided through the technicality that Rosario was a delegate to the OAS Council and not to the Meeting of Foreign Ministers that established the inter-American force.

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