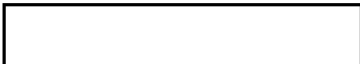


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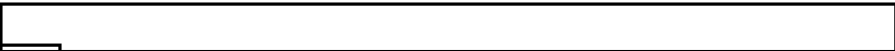
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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(Report #167 - As of 3:00 pm EDT)

1.



[redacted] there was a fire fight in the waterfront area about 1:30 pm EDT today and that a reporter of a French news agency was seriously wounded and perhaps dead. [redacted] a group of civilian rebels for some reason started firing and US Marines returned the fire; one marine may also be dead.

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2. Further information on an incident between U.S. Marines and rebel forces indicates that at approximately 10:15 am EDT today a vehicle with six newly arrived Marines lost its way while traveling along the line of communications and ended up near Parque Independencia where it came under rebel fire. Two Marines were killed, two wounded, and two taken prisoners. The National Broadcasting Company may have a film of the incident. Collier of the Herald Tribune was interviewing rebel leaders when the captured Marines were brought in.

Ambassador Bennett reported that this was a genuine mistake on the part of the Marines as American troops are under strict orders not to fire except in self-defense and not to leave the International Safety Zone or line of communications except in order to suppress sniper fire. Ambassador Bennett has asked General Palmer, who is also distressed over the incident, to take immediate action to station military police along the line of communications to prevent a repetition of this morning's incident.

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