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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic  
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Rebel leader Caamano has, as expected, flatly rejected the Imbert government's initiative of Tuesday calling for early elections under the supervision of the Organization of American States.

Rejection of the proposal came after a day during which the rebels appeared to be carefully ignoring it. The fullest account of Caamano's belated comments to become available as of this writing was contained in a dispatch last night of the Castro regime's official propaganda agency, Prensa Latina. According to this account, Caamano referred to the proposal as "another Imbert farce," and said that his government is not prepared to consider or to discuss it. Caamano remained adamant in his insistence that the 1963 constitution must be restored and that any election outside the provisions of that constitution would be unacceptable.

Although the Caamano forces could hardly have been expected to accept a proposal that came as a unilateral initiative from the Imbert camp, there is some reason to believe that Caamano's flat rejection may have put his side further on the psychological defensive. As far as the general public in the Dominican Republic is concerned, Imbert's proposal was notable in that it pledged that "all" leaders of recognized political parties could take part in the election and that members of the Imbert government promised that they would not themselves be candidates.

The neutralization of the National Palace was carried out effectively yesterday afternoon by members of the Brazilian contingent to the Inter-American Peace Force (IAPF). Extension of the demilitarized

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zone around the beleaguered building closes the last remaining area where IAPF troops were not interposed between the forces of the opposing camps.

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There are additional details on Communists working for various propaganda media in the rebel-controlled area. A member of the PSPD, Alberto Malagon, for instance, is on the staff of the daily newspaper Patria. The staff of Patria is said to include many of the same people who formerly worked on an openly pro-Communist publication which is now no longer produced.

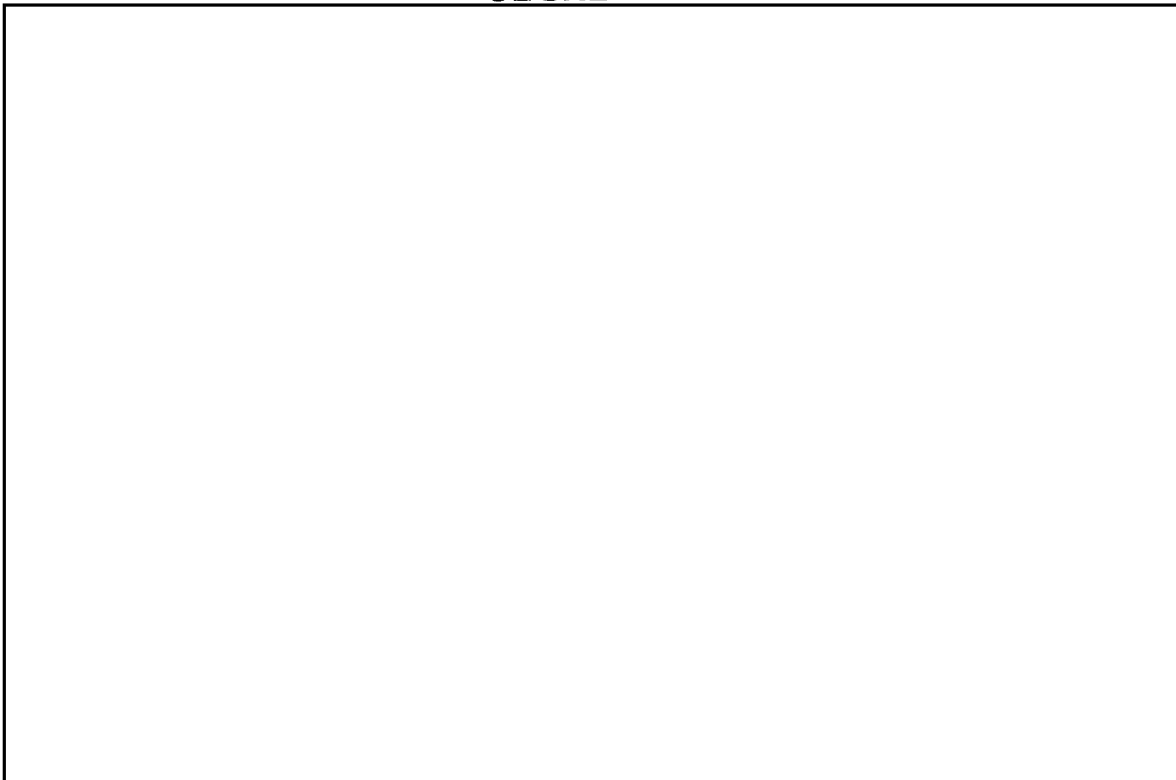
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On the international scene, the Soviet representative at the United Nations requested last night that the UN Security Council schedule another meeting on the Dominican situation for today. The Soviet delegate would have the Council discuss the complaints which the Caamano government has forwarded to the UN concerning the alleged violations of human rights by the Imbert government and, specifically, the incident last Sunday at San Francisco de Macoris. The Netherlands representative on the Security Council told US officials at the UN last night that it would be difficult to delay a Council meeting if the Soviets insist on it using humanitarian reasons.

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