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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic  
(Report #267 - As of 4:30 pm EDT)

There are indications that extremists have expanded their role within the rebel ranks and that morale may be declining in the rebel-held area of Santo Domingo.

25X1 [redacted] told the Spanish Ambassador, who visited there yesterday that morale had dropped in the area. [redacted]

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As an example of the state of tension among the rebels the ambassador related that while he was in the area people began running all about, waving guns, and calling for the people to take to their posts because "Wessin's troops were attacking." The ambassador described the scene as one of hysteria, and despite the absence of heavy firing the people kept running about shouting their defiance and determination.

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Although there may be some reason to question the objectivity of the Spanish Ambassador and his sources of information, the US Ambassador considered his account largely reportorial and unslanted. In any case, earlier Dominican Situation Reports have noted other indications that extremists and Communists have once again become rather prominent at rebel rallies and the like.

The rebel radio continued its virulent attacks on the US and Organization of American States yesterday. The radio also stressed Bosch's "promise" of a settlement this month even without any agreement.

This morning, in a broadcast which probably reflected hope more than fact, the rebel radio "requested" that soldiers from Wessin's unit who decide to desert to the rebels come over alone or groups of two. Larger groups, the broadcast added, might cause confusion.

The loyalist radio has been claiming the existence of a split within the rebel forces. Indeed, the pro-loyalist "Voice of the People" has been broadcasting that a plan is afoot within the rebel camp to kill Caamano.

Thus far in its meetings with the rebel and loyalist leaders, the three-man committee of the Organization of American States (OAS) has more or less heard each side's standard pitch. Imbert stressed the apolitical nature of his regime and his electoral formula; his control of the country; the important role of Communists among the rebels; the loyalists' rejection of the 1963 constitution; and the rebels' refusal to negotiate. Caamano, on the other hand, emphasized "approval" of the "Guzman formula" and his willingness to step aside for a "democratic" leader who would serve under the 1963 constitution. In addition, Caamano continued to hint of his "difficulty" in controlling armed groups in the countryside who want to fight for the rebel cause.

Today the committee plans to meet with business and civic leaders in Santo Domingo who favor the creation of a "middle-ground" government. Tomorrow the committee will travel to Santiago to talk with like-minded individuals.

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Meanwhile, the interior remains quiet. The pro-rebel demonstration scheduled for San Francisco de Macoris yesterday failed to come off despite the absence of preventive action by local authorities. There were no reports of disturbances in any of the other provinces according to the US Embassy.

On the international scene, the UN Security Council is now in session at the insistence of the Soviet Ambassador. The Council is debating whether to expand the mandate of US special representative Jose Mayobre to investigate alleged violations of human rights in the Dominican Republic.

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