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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
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The increasing belligerence of rebel statements over the past few days is leading to a growing edginess in the Dominican interior as the 14 June anniversary date approaches.

The Imbert government is reacting by increasing its security precautions. Imbert told the US Naval Attache yesterday that he has ordered a nationwide roundup of potential troublemakers to begin on Friday. They are to be kept under arrest until the middle of next week, said Imbert.

Conditions remained normal in the important city of Santiago yesterday, although a rumor was circulating that the Communists intend to organize a general strike. Also, pro-rebel propoganda is being circulated in the city by a front organization calling itself the Patriotic Constitutionalist Front. Handbills put out by this organization are calling on the people to "fight for the constitution."

US Government officials who visited the city of Constanza in the central part of the country yesterday report that the area is politically calm at present, although shortages of medicines and important foodstuffs are continuing serious problems. 25X1



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Yesterday the rebel chamber of deputies--the remnant of the congress elected with Bosch in 1962--passed a resolution containing bitter anti-US invective. The resolution was then cabled to 36 Free World Legislatures in Latin America, Western Europe, and Asia. It bitterly condemned the "contemptible US military aggression" and the alleged US effort to destroy constitutionalism and democracy in the Dominican Republic. The US goal, according to the statement, is the establishment of a "puppet government serving US interests."

The increasingly ugly and open manifestations of anti-US feelings in the rebel area was exemplified yesterday in the hostile temper of the crowd which threatened three US soldiers as they were being escorted out of rebel territory after having been held there overnight. The members of the crowd, which reportedly numbered nearly a thousand, shook their fists and screamed "Go home, Yankee murderers."

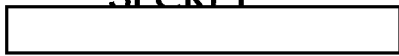
Meanwhile, the Imbert government may be hurt badly by the publicity which is now beginning to come out regarding atrocities committed as recently as last week by some military personnel of the loyalist forces. Havana Radio was already carrying the story last night and US press reports claim that United Nations officials have begun an investigation of the charges.  the US Embassy have confirmed the stories and on Tuesday the embassy received a comprehensive and detailed account of

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"executions" by loyalist military personnel of between 27 and 39 Dominicans, mostly civilians. The embassy comments that the press is likely to concentrate on these recent atrocities by loyalist forces without counterbalancing them with accounts of rebel atrocities committed in the early days of the insurrection.

