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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
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Rebel statements [Redacted] continues to indicate that pro-rebel demonstrations and violence are planned for the interior on 14 June.

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Yesterday the rebel newspaper Patria stated that the date would be an appropriate one for a "spontaneous mobilization of the masses." At the same time, however, the newspaper hinted that the mobilization might not come off because the US Embassy was trying to provoke incidents on 12 June which would give the Imbert government an excuse to use repressive measures.

Loyalist police and military units continue to increase their security precautions in the interior. Police chief Despradel said yesterday that although he has no concrete evidence of any rebel plans, he is deploying mobile police units to three provincial capitals.

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Meanwhile, the rebels are stepping up their psychological offensive by charging that Imbert's forces have committed new atrocities and appealing for loyalist military defections.

Loyalist military leaders are denying any complicity in the mass executions at Villa Mella, about 12 miles north of Santo Domingo, and charging that

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the whole affair is a Communist plot. US Embassy officials believe, however, that the executions were probably carried out by loyalist military and police to avenge rebel atrocities committed during the early days of the revolt.

The Organization of American States (OAS) Human Rights Commission is conducting a thorough investigation of the allegations in order to forestall UN action. The Soviet Union is expected to unleash new attacks in the Security Council today concerning the alleged atrocities and other Council members may challenge the US contention that the OAS is capable of handling the Dominican crisis.

In a recorded speech yesterday afternoon Juan Bosch capitalized on the Villa Mella incident while urging the rank and file of the loyalist military to go over to the rebels before it was too late. Bosch said that the generals would soon be leaving the country but the enlisted ranks would have to remain and "face the people that will scorn them." In a similar appeal on Wednesday, rebel army chief Colonel Lora Fernandez stated that it was the basic duty of Dominican soldiers to defend their country's sovereignty "which has been trampled upon by interventionist forces." He promised that deserters from Imbert's forces would not be punished for their previous mistakes "against the people's interest." Thus far the campaign has not produced tangible results.

The OAS Human Rights Commission is urging that favorable consideration be given to a rebel request that ships carrying food and medicine be allowed to dock at the rebel-held area of Santo Domingo. Caamano reportedly has asked that the US Navy provide escorts for the food ships to prove that no arms were loaded enroute. Once the ships dock, Caamano is said to insist that only the Red Cross can supervise the unloading.

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