

SECRET

Approved For Release 2007/03/06 : CIA-RDP79T00472A001400050024-3

25X1

OCI No. 1946/65

100

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Office of Current Intelligence
12 June 1965

INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(Report #274 - As of 7:00 am EDT)

The loyalist military is intensifying security precautions throughout the country as indications continue to mount that the rebels expect within the next several days to launch militant demonstrations in the interior.



NOTE: Yesterday morning's Dominican Situation Report was erroneously numbered #274. It should have carried #273.

State Dept. review completed

Approved For Release 2007/03/06 : CIA-RDP79T00472A001400050024-3

SECRET

25X1

SECRET

Approved For Release 2007/03/06 : CIA-RDP79T00472A001400050024-3

25X1

Meanwhile, tomorrow seems to be looming as a day of rival mass demonstrations by the rebel and loyalist forces in their respective sectors of Santo Domingo. The loyalist "parade of democratic rededication" has been planned for several days and yesterday the rebels announced their intention to hold a demonstration in their part of the city to begin at the same time as their rival's.

25X1

Despite the continuing efforts by the rebels to put up a brave front, there are further indications of deteriorating morale in their camp. Ambassador Bunker reported, after he and his colleagues on the special OAS committee had a session with the rebel leadership on Thursday, that the group of top rebel leaders seemed to be conscious of its weakening position. The rebel leaders seemed nervous, irritable, and somewhat belligerent. But they showed no indication of backing down from their previous positions.

-2-

Approved For Release 2007/03/06 : CIA-RDP79T00472A001400050024-3

SECRET

25X1

Yesterday afternoon, Ambassador Bunker received additional evidence of deterioration in the rebel camp. During a meeting with several Latin American ambassadors in Santo Domingo he was told that within the last six days several of the ambassadors had been receiving requests for diplomatic asylum from rebels who are apparently members of the Caamano government's militia or armed forces. The Colombian ambassador told him that he had also been approached secretly about five days ago by a Dominican on behalf of a minister in the Caamano government seeking standby arrangements for asylum at a moment's notice. The Colombian ambassador refused to reveal the name of the Caamano cabinet minister.

Meanwhile, the loyalist radio is publicizing a report that Major Pablo Cara, who had been with the Caamano camp, has taken asylum in the Argentine embassy. Another rebel officer, Colonel Chetaro Mejia, is reported by the press to have also taken asylum in the Argentine embassy. A rebel spokesman is said to have confirmed the report, but to have added that the colonel in question had "not worked honestly with us" and that therefore his departure was welcome.

25X1



Balaguer's Reformist Party (PR) continues to emphasize its position that the solution to the impasse must lie in early elections. Francisco Augusto Lara, party vice president, told a US Embassy officer yesterday that Balaguer's initial support for the Guzman formula was based solely on his desire to keep Imbert from maintaining power. The Embassy reports that Lara seems supremely confident that Balaguer would win any election.

There is little new on the subject of the atrocities which loyalist forces are alleged to have been responsible for. Rebel propaganda media continue to make the most of it in their effort to blacken Imbert's name before the world. The United Nations Security Council failed to act on rebel government complaints on the subject yesterday and adjourned until next Tuesday.

25X1