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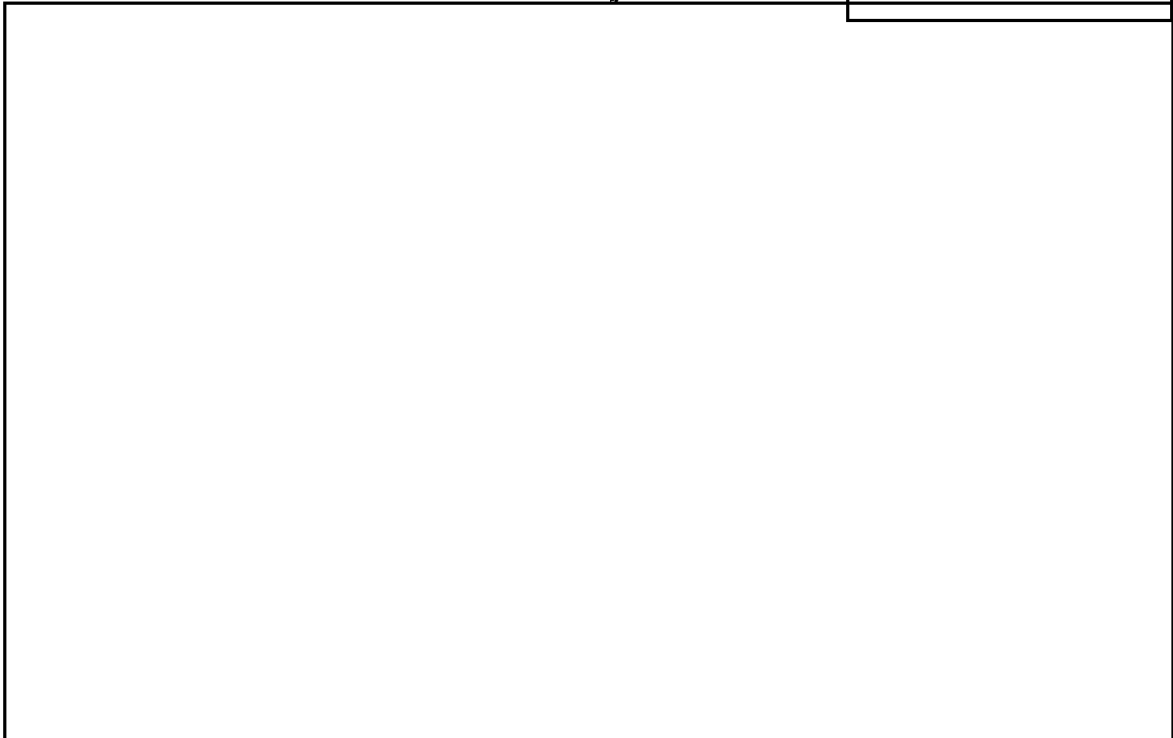
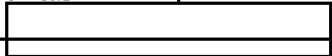
INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(Report #287 - As of 7:00 am EDT)

There are more signs of division in the rebel camp as some hard-line extremists reportedly prepare to launch a campaign of terrorism against US troops in the Dominican Republic.

Yesterday afternoon a group of some 150 to 200 young rebel militants demonstrated before rebel headquarters demanding that there be no compromise and shouting for the departure of the "gringos" and the OAS. They were evidently protesting against the Caamano government's expressed willingness to make some concessions to the OAS formula for a solution to the crisis. Caamano himself is reported to have seemed "very disturbed" over the incident as he spoke to the demonstrators and dispersed them.

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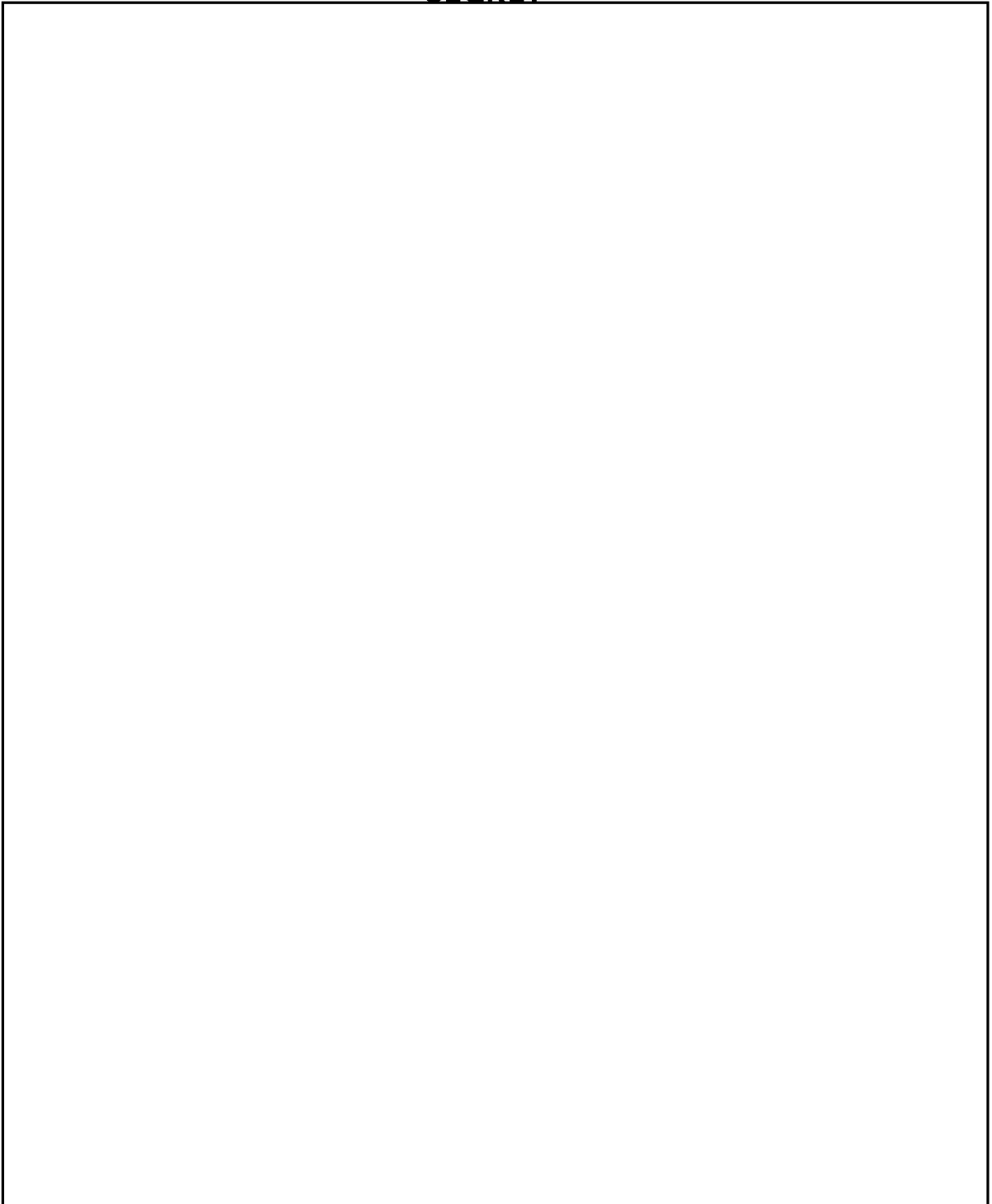


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Another indication of deteriorating conditions in the rebel zone is a report from a team of the Inter-American Peace Force (IAPF) which was sent on Wednesday to investigate unprovoked rebel firing on US positions. During a six hour period the team observed over 400

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instances of looting by persons entering and leaving warehouses located in the rebel zone. The looters were seen taking television sets, whiskey, clothing, and electrical equipment. The Embassy comments that the looting, which has been reported under way for several days, would seem to provide convincing proof that the Caamano Government is either unable or unwilling to maintain law and order in the area under its control.

The commander of the US contingent of the IAPF reports that during the 24 hour period ending at 8:00 pm EDT last night there were five incidents of unprovoked attacks on US forces from rebel territory. Three of the attacks consisted of single rounds of accurate small arms fire; two were inaccurate. All came from well protected rebel positions. There were no casualties and US forces did not return the fire.

Meanwhile, elements in the Imbert government are becoming more vocal in their criticism of the US and the OAS for standing in the way of loyalist forces anxious to move into rebel territory. A letter signed by Imbert's foreign minister was sent to the special OAS committee yesterday threatening to go to the United Nations to request that loyalist forces be permitted to pass through IAPF lines to "resolve the current domestic situation." Pamphlets are reportedly being circulated in Santo Domingo stressing the need for an early "cleanup" of the rebel zone and calling for a popular gathering in the city on Sunday to "demand" such action. Another leaflet being circulated yesterday declared: "American military presence in the Dominican Republic is supporting Communism instead of helping democracy." There was another leaflet, with an anti-semitic message, signed by the "Dominican Nazist Group." There has been no recent evidence of such a group being active in the Dominican Republic, though the hatreds that have been engendered during the two months of civil war have been conducive to the development of all kinds of extremism.

Discussions continue among various Dominican groups on the OAS formula and on the counterproposals by the Imbert and Caamano governments. Imbert himself apparently spent part of yesterday traveling to Santiago

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and other northern cities, presumably in an effort to develop support for his argument that he should remain at the head of a provisional government until after elections.

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