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THE FOLLOWING IS A CIA DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SITUATION REPORT:
SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1965

LOYALIST CHIEFTAIN ANTONIO IMBERT CONTINUES TO TAKE AN INTRANSIGENT POSITION AND APPEARS TO HAVE RELEGATED HIS JUNTA PARTNERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ALEJANDRO ZELLER, TO SECONDARY ROLES.

IMBERT ABETTED BY ZELLER, WHO APPEARS TO ENJOY HIS TASTE OF POWER, SHOWS EVERY INDICATION OF PUSHING AHEAD IN HIS EFFORTS TO SOLIDIFY HIS POSITION. MOREOVER, ALREADY PIQUED BY THE UNPLEASANTNESS OVER THE ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING PAYMENTS FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, IMBERT, ACCORDING TO THE US EMBASSY, IS LIKELY TO STEP UP HIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE "INTERVENTION" OF THE US AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS). THIS LINE MAY WELL BE STRESSED AT THE NUMBER OF RALLIES SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW, THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF TRUJILLO.

AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF OFF AND ON NEGOTIATIONS, THE IMBERT REGIME YESTERDAY FORMALLY WITHDREW ITS OFFER TO TURN RADIO SANTO DOMINGO OVER TO THE OAS. THE "JUSTIFICATION" GIVEN FOR THIS DECISION WAS THAT THERE WAS "NATION-WIDE PROTEST" AGAINST SUCH A TURNOVER. THE REGIME DID OFFER THE OAS THE USE OF ANY OTHER STATION, ALTHOUGH ALL OF THEM ARE MUCH LESS POWERFUL THAN RADIO SANTO DOMINGO. IMBERT'S DECISION TO USE THE STATION FOR HIS OWN PURPOSES -- HE CAN PROBABLY HAVE IT OPERATING IN A DAY OR SO -- IS YET ANOTHER INDICATION THAT HE WILL NOT COOPERATE WITH THE OAS ON MATTERS NOT TO HIS ADVANTAGE.

THERE ARE SIGNS OF DISILLUSIONMENT OF THE PART OF SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LOYALIST JUNTA. AMBASSADOR BENNETT WHO MET YESTERDAY WITH JUNTA MEMBERS JULIO POSTIGO AND CARLOS GRISOLIA REPORTS THAT BOTH MEN APPEARED PESSIMISTIC AND WERE CONVINCED THAT IMBERT HAD NO INTENTION OF STEPPING DOWN. THEY FELT THAT IMBERT AND ZELLER ARE NOW MORE OR LESS CALLING THE SHOTS. THE AMBASSADOR, BASED ON HIS CONTACTS WITH THE LOYALIST REGIME, REPORTS THAT POSTIGO, GRISOLIA, AND COLONEL PEDRO BENOIT, THE OTHER JUNTA MEMBER, ARE PLAYING AUXILLIARY ROLES AND WOULD PROBABLY RELINQUISH THEIR POSTS WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS. INDEED, POSTIGO SAID THAT HE WANTED TO LEAVE SOON AND RETURN TO HIS PUBLISHING HOUSE. SHOULD POSTIGO -- WHO IS A FRIEND OF BOSCH -- RESIGN, IT WOULD BE A PSYCHOLOGICAL BOON FOR THE REBELS UNLESS IT WERE RELATED TO A MODERATE SOLUTION.

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GRISOLIA, ALTHOUGH ALSO DISHEARTENED, SHOWED MORE FORTITUDE. HE SAID THAT THERE MUST BE A "VICTOR" AND A "VANQUISHED" IN THE STRUGGLE OR ELSE THERE WOULD BE A NEW CRISIS. RISOLIA CLEARLY IMPLIED THAT HE DISAGREED WITH THE "CONCESSIONS" NOW BEING GRANTED THE REBELS IN THE NAME OF "NEUTRALITY". HE ALSO OBSERVED THAT ANTONIO GUZMAN WAS COMPLETELY SUBSERVIENT TO JUAN BOSCH AND THEREFORE NOT A WISE CHOICE TO BE THE LEADER OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT. ANOTHER POINT RAISED BY GRISOLIA WAS THAT THE ISSUE OF THE 1963 CONSTITUTION HAD BECOME SUCH AN EMOTIONAL ONE THAT IT WOULD NOT WORK.

THE US AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH POSTIGO AND GRISOLIA ARE NOT STRONG PERSONALITIES, THEY ARE WIDELY RESPECTED AND COULD SWING SUBSTANTIAL OPINION IN FAVOR OF A "THIRD VIEWPOINT."

A POSSIBLE THIRD VIEWPOINT IS THAT OF THE SANTIAGO CIVIC LEADERS WHO ARE SEEKING A NEW POLITICAL ALTERNATIVE TO THE PRESENT STYMIED SITUATION. THE US EMBASSY NOTES THAT THIS GROUP COULD PERHAPS SERVE AS A COUNTERWEIGHT TO IMBERT. HOWEVER, AT PRESENT THE GROUP IS TOO LIMITED IN GEOGRAPHIC AND POLITICAL SCOPE TO PROVIDE AN ANSWER IN ITSELF. IT PRIMARILY REPRESENTS BUSINESS, BANKING AND AGRICULTURE IN THE SANTIAGO REGION, ALTHOUGH IT DOES INCLUDE SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO POSSESS A SENSE OF COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY AND A PROGRESSIVE OUTLOOK. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GROUP, WHO MET WITH THE US AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY, SAID THEY WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT SUCH PARTISANS OF BOSCH'S DOMINICAN REVOLUTIONARY PARTY AS JULIO POSTIGO. THE GROUP FEARED -- AND THE AMBASSADOR CONCURRED -- THAT THE SITUATION WILL GET WORSE IF THE STALEMATE CONTINUES AND THAT ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS AND POSSIBLE REBEL OFFENSIVES IN THE INTERIOR MIGHT FOLLOW. AN UNDETERMINED FACTOR CONCERNING THIS GROUPS EFFECTIVENESS IS WHETHER IT WILL STAND UP TO IMBERT IF HE BEGINS TO PLAY ROUGH.

MEANWHILE, THERE ARE CONFLICTING REPORTS AS TO WHETHER ARGENTINA WILL OR WILL NOT SEND A MILITARY CONTINGENT TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. BUENOS AIRES HAS BEEN RIFE WITH SPECULATION ON THIS SUBJECT. EARLIER THERE WERE SOME INDICATIONS THAT THE ILLIA GOVERNMENT MIGHT SEND A CONTINGENT SO AS TO REDUCE THE MILITARY PRESSURE THAT WAS BUILDING UP AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.



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