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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM
SITUATION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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~~REPORT NUMBER 195 SUMMARY OF SITUATION FROM 5:30 AM-9:00 AM EDT~~

1. THE AREA BETWEEN PUERTO PLATA ON THE NORTH COAST TO SANTIAGO IS TRANQUIL. POLICE AND MILITARY FORCES APPEAR TO BE INCREASING THEIR DILIGENCE IN MANNING CHECKPOINTS IN THE PROVINCE OF PUERTO PLATA. NO SIGNIFICANT REACTION TO THE NAMING OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN NOTED, BUT SCATTERED COMMENTS INDICATE A FEELING OF RELIEF THAT THE SITUATION APPEARS TO BE STABILIZING IN SANTO DOMINGO. MOST PEOPLE IN THIS AREA BELIEVE THAT ON 10 MAY (MONDAY) THE SITUATION WILL BEGIN TO RETURN TO NORMAL. GASOLINE SUPPLIES ARE INCREASING AND THE GOODS SUPPLY REMAINS ADEQUATE. PUERT

2. THE USEMBASSY REPORTS THAT PAN-AMERICAN AIRLINE IS PLANNING TO RESUME COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS TODAY TO SANTO DOMINGO. OTHER COMMERCIAL AIRLINES ARE ALSO PREPARING TO RESUME FLIGHTS TODAY IF PAN-AMERICAN SUCCESSFULLY PAVES THE WAY. THE EMBASSY FEELS THAT RESUMPTION OF COMMERCIAL PLANE SERVICE WILL HELP RESTORE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND MAY REDUCE PRESSURES FOR PEOPLE WANTING TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

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4. A LEADER OF THE LEFT WING OF THE REVOLUTIONARY SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY, DEFILLE, TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT A DIFFERENCE HAS ARISEN WITH THE COMMUNIST CAMP OVER THE ISSUE OF COOPERATION WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. THE ORTHODOX COMMUNIST PARTY IS IN FAVOR OF GIVING AT LEAST THE APPEARANCE OF COOPERATION WHILE THE MORE VIOLENCE PRONE DOMINICAN POPULAR MOVEMENT AND THE FOURTEENTH OF JUNE POLITICAL GROUP ARE AGAINST ANY COMPROMISE. *AGAINST*

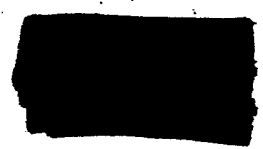
5. THE STATEMENTS ISSUED LATE YESTERDAY BY THE CAAMANO GOVERNMENT HAD A DECIDEDLY DEFENSIVE TONE. ONE, A COMMUNICATION TO 36 FREE WORLD GOVERNMENTS, CONCEDED THAT THE "CONSTITUTIONALIST FORCES" DO NOT HAVE FULL CONTROL OF THE NATIONAL TERRITORY. IT CLAIMED THAT THE REASON FOR THIS IS THE "OBSTRUCTION OF THE US INTERVENTIONIST FORCES." THE COMMUNICATION CALLED THE US POLICY "OBVIOUSLY DIRECT, IMMEDIATE, AND BIASED" AND REITERATED CAAMANO'S EARLIER REQUEST FOR "IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION OF THE CONSTITUTIONALIST GOVERNMENT." INCIDENTALLY, THE COMMUNICATION WAS ADDRESSED TO ALL WESTERN HEMISPHERE GOVERNMENTS EXCEPT CUBA, HAITI AND THE RECENTLY INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH IN THE CARIBBEAN. IT WAS ALSO SENT TO MOST WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, TO JAPAN AND TO NATIONALIST CHINA. THE CAAMANO GOVERNMENT HAS MADE NO OVERT PLEA FOR DIPLOMATIC OR OTHER SUPPORT FROM CUBA OR OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

6. IN ANOTHER COMMUNICATION BY THE CAAMANO GOVERNMENT THAT WAS CARRIED OVER RADIO SANTODOMINGO LATE YESTERDAY, "DEMANDS" WERE MADE THAT THE SPECIAL COMMISSION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES CORRECT WITHIN 24 HOURS CERTAIN PRACTICES IN THE INTERNATIONAL ZONE WHICH PLACED THE REBEL FORCES AT A DISADVANTAGE WITH RESPECT TO THE "SAN ISIDRO MILITARY FACTION." THE CAAMANO REGIME DEMANDED THAT ALL DOMINICAN TROOPS BE BARRED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ZONE AND THAT A CORRIDOR BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN "CONSTITUTIONALIST TROOPS" WHICH ARE NOW DIVIDED BY "THE OCCUPATION ARMY."

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