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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SITUATION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

~~REPORT NUMBER 193 - SUMMARY OF SITUATION FROM 5:00-9:00 PM EDT~~

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3. ON 7 MAY THE "MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO" IN THE REBEL REGIME, RAMON LEDESMA PEREZ, CALLED JUAN BOSCH IN PUERTO RICO ACCORDING TO A SOURCE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, LEDESMA BEGAN THE CONVERSATION BY STATING THAT "THINGS ARE ABOUT THE SAME AND WE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN CONTROL THE SITUATION." BOSCH SAID HE WAS CONCERNED THAT THE "CONSTITUTIONALISTS" WERE NOT MOVING INTO THE INTERIOR RAPIDLY ENOUGH AND URGED THAT THE LABOR UNIONS, ESPECIALLY IN THE SANTIAGO AREA, BE CONTACTED. BOSCH ALSO CRITICIZED THE MANNER IN WHICH RADIO SANTO DOMINGO WAS OPERATING. HE ASSERTED THAT THE RADIO WAS MORE IMPORTANT IN THE INTERIOR THAN ONE HUNDRED TANKS. BOSCH URGED THAT THE RADIO MAKE APPEALS TO THE INTERIOR AND ASSURED LEDESMA THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO ~~MAKE~~ MAKE TAPES FOR BROADCASTS. BOSCH SAID THAT REBEL LEADER CAAMANO MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DENY THE COMMUNIST LABEL AND SUGGESTED THAT HE SEND CABLES TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS) AND THE LATIN AMERICAN PRESS PROTESTING "US INTERVENTION." BOSCH COMMENTED THAT PUBLIC OPINION IN LATIN AMERICA IS "ON OUR SIDE" IN ADDITION HE SUGGESTED THAT THE REBEL "CONGRESS" ISSUE A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THAT IT IS IN CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY AND FORWARD THE RESOLUTION TO GOVERNMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA.

45. JOHNNY CURY, REBEL "MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS," CALLED JUAN BOSCH ON 7 MAY AND INFORMED HIM THAT THE REBEL GOVERNMENT HAD NEWS THAT A GROUP OF "OLD POLITICIANS", EVIDENTLY INCLUDING FORMER PRESIDENT RAFAEL BONNELLY, WAS TRYING TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENT IN SANTIAGO, ACCORDING TO AN FBI SOURCE. BOSCH TOLD CURY THAT WHAT WAS NOW NEEDED WAS TO GO TO THE INTERIOR TO FIND ADDITIONAL HELP FOR THE "CAUSE." IT WAS ALSO LEARNED THAT ON 5 MAY BOSCH HAD CALLED SANTO DOMINGO TO ORDER THAT CAONABO JAVIER CASTILLO, A LEADING MEMBER OF THE EXTREMIST FACTION OF THE DOMINICAN SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY, BE NAMED "SPECIAL AMBASSADOR" TO CHILE AND THAT HE ALSO BE SENT TO BRAZIL ON A "CONFIDENTIAL" MISSION FOR BOSCH.

COMMUNIST WEEKLY MAGAZINE MARCHA, JUAN BOSCH STRONGLY  
CRITICIZED US INTERVENTION AND THE BEHAVIOR OF THE ORGANIZATION  
OF AMERICAN STATES COMMITTEE IN SANTO DOMINGO. IN RESPONSE TO A  
QUESTION CONCERNING THE MORAL AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE US ACTION,  
BOSCH ANSWERED THAT IT WAS A CLEAR VIOLATION OF BOTH THE NON-  
INTERVENTION PRINCIPLE AND OF THE SACRED RIGHT THAT EACH NATION HAS  
TO FORGE ITS OWN FUTURE WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE. IN ANSWER  
TO ANOTHER QUESTION RELATING THE US ACTION IN THE DOMINICAN  
REPUBLIC TO THE RUSSIAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN HUNGARY IN 1965,  
BOSCH ANSWERED: "THAT IS DIFFERENT, BECAUSE THE SOVIET MILITARY  
INTERVENTION IN HUNGARY WAS CARRIED OUT BY COMMUNISTS TO DESTROY  
A DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT... IN SANTO DOMINGO IT HAS BEEN A  
DEMOCRATIC NATION WHICH HAS TRIED TO ~~bring about~~ A DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION.  
"ALTHOUGH I SHOULD SAY THAT THE NORTH AMERICANS HAVE NOT  
CAUSED IN SANTO DOMINGO THE DESTRUCTION THAT THE RUSSIANS DID IN  
BUDAPEST." CONTINUING, BOSCH SAID, "NEVERTHELESS, I HAVE NO DOUBT  
THAT THEY HAVE KILLED DOMINICAN DEMOCRACY AT THE VERY TIME WHEN  
THE PEOPLE WERE CREATING IT WITH THEIR BLOOD IN AN EPIC ACHIEVEMENT,  
SINCE THE CITY OF SANTO DOMINGO FOR A WHOLE WEEK WITHSTOOD AIR FORCE  
BOMBINGS, NAVY AND TANK ROCKET BOMBINGS, ... "IT WAS CONSTRUCTING  
DEMOCRACY, GATHERING THE FRUITS OF A DEMOCRACY WHICH THAT NATION  
WAS PRODUCING WITH ITS BLOOD." "THEN, AT THAT  
VERY MOMENT, THE MARINES ARRIVED AND DESTROYED THAT FRUIT."  
68 REBEL "RADIO SANTO DOMINGO" RESUMED BROADCASTING AT 5:14 PM  
EDT, AFTER BEING OFF THE AIR FOR SOME EIGHT HOURS. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN  
BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE, RECEPTION WAS EXCELLENT.  
72 ACCORDING TO A PRESS SOURCE, ALEJANDRO ZELLER, ONE OF THE THREE  
CIVILIAN MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION, ANN-  
OUNCED THAT PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, AND MAYORS OF THE 26 PROVINCIAL  
CAPITALS CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TODAY TO PLEDGE THEIR SUPPORT.  
82 JOSE MORA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN  
STATES (OAS), TOLD US EMBASSY OFFICIALS TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF  
NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION (GNR) WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO FORMER PRESIDENT  
BALAGUER'S REFORMIST PARTY (PR). THE NEW GOVERNMENT LACKS A REPRE-  
SENTATIVE FROM THE REFORMIST PARTY. MORA PLANNED TO GO TO NEW YORK  
THIS AFTERNOON TO SEE BALAGUER.



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