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opposed formation of IAPF and do not intend to contribute to its support; Columbia does not plan to contribute; Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Haiti have referred SYG letter to their Foreign Ministries; Brazil has not yet responded but informally has indicated its plan to contribute, but because of its budget cycle funds would not become available until after June 1966; other members of OAS have not yet responded to SYG.

You are requested to report reactions of local governments to your efforts. If you do not believe it would be desirable or useful to discuss with government, you should so report to Department and take no further action on this instruction.

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Enclosure:

Letter from Secretary General Mora to Ambassador Bunker, dated 2/2/66.

ACTION: ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HAITI, HONDURAS, MEXICO, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, PERU, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA

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Enclosure 1

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

PAN AMERICAN UNION Washington 6, D. C., USA

February 2, 1966

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith a copy of the Report on the budget for the Unified Command, submitted by the Committee to Study the Functioning and Maintenance of the Inter-American Peace Force (IAPF).

As you are aware, the Inter-American Peace Force was established on May 6, 1965, by resolution of the Tenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs. At present, it is made up of contingents of land, naval, air, and police forces provided by member states of the OAS and functions under the authority of the Tenth Meeting of Consultation. Its sole purpose is, as stated in the second paragraph of the resolution, "in a spirit of democratic impartiality, that of cooperating in the restoration of normal conditions in the Dominican Republic, in maintaining the security of its inhabitants and the inviolability of human rights, and in the establishment of an atmosphere of peace and conciliation that will permit the functioning of democratic institutions."

In accordance with the responsibilities entrusted to him by the Tenth Meeting of Consultation, the Secretary General, along with the commanders of the national contingents, signed the Act Establishing the Inter-American Peace Force, on May 23, 1965. In accordance with paragraph 3 of Chapter II of the Act, the Commander of the Force issued its regulations and sent them to the Tenth Meeting of Consultation. Later, in compliance with the provisions of the two documents, he sent to the Secretary General the proposed budget for the Unified Command of the IAPF. This proposed budget, which covers only a part of the costs of operation of the Force, was presented to the Committee to Study the Functioning and Maintenance of the Inter-American Peace Force, which, after making various changes, considered it satisfactory.

The Honorable

Ellsworth Bunker

Ambassador, Representative of the United States on the Council of the Organization of American States Washington, D. C. The budget for the Unified Command amounts to \$665.826, of which approximately \$442.415 had been spent or committed by January 31, 1966. In order to cover those expenses, as indicated in the Report of the Committee:

"The Secretary General has established a special, multilateral fund, so that the governments that are willing and able to do so can make voluntary contributions to finance the special budget. This is considered to be an appropriate solution, inasmuch as the Pan American Union cannot continue to absorb these expenses because there are no specific funds available for this purpose. Finally, the Committee considers that the establishment of the special fund is the best procedure for financing the special expenses for the maintenance and functioning of the Unified Command of the Inter-American Peace Force."

In order to facilitate compliance with the decisions of the Tenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs referring to the establishment and operation of the Inter-American Peace Force, I consider it my duty to transmit this information to the Government of the United States, with a view to ascertaining whether it is willing to collaborate in carrying out those decisions and for it, if it so desires, to inform me of the amount that it is in a position to contribute to the aforesaid Spec'al Voluntary Fund.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

José A. Mora Secretary General

