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Subject: Missing Dominican Rebel Leader May Be in Cuba

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Col. Francisco Caamaño Delfo the leading figure in the "Constitutionalist" forces during the 1965 Dominican civil war, and presently Dominican military attaché in London, dropped from sight in The Hague on October 24, 1967. Recent reports which are plausible but unconfirmed indicate that he may have traveled on November 1 from Frankfurt-am-Main to Mexico and perhaps on to Cuba. Should Caamaño adopt a pro-Castro ideological position, the Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD), which since the civil war has included him in its Pantheon, would suffer acute political embarrassment and possibly harassment and repression. Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro would unquestionably be delighted to explore the possibilities which Caamaño's "defection" -- whether real or only apparent -- might afford him.

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② From obscurity to fame to frustration. Col. Caamaño was an obscure politically unsophisticated military officer with a spotty record when almost by default he emerged as the leading "Constitutionalist" military figure and subsequently was named "Constitutional" President of the Dominican Republic by the rebel forces. In January 1966, Caamaño was sent as military attaché to London by the Provisional Government of President Garcia Godoy, in an effort to reduce tensions. He was reportedly unhappy in London. He sent his wife and children to live in

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