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AMCONSUL SAGO DE LOS CABALLEROS

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SUBJ: DOMINICAN-HAITIAN RELATIONS

1. HAITIAN AMBASSADOR CLEMENT VINCENT RETURNED SANTO DOMINGO JULY 20. GODR HAS GIVEN NO INDICATIONS IF OR WHEN DOMINICAN AMBASSADOR FAUSTO GUZMAN CABRERA WILL RETURN PORT AU PRINCE. PRESS CONTINUES ASSERT DR WILL LEAVE CHARGE THERE.

2. IN INTERVIEW WITH AFTERNOON NACIONAL JULY 22, VINCENT SAID RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES "COMPLETELY NORMAL". ADDED DUVALIER HAD MADE NO OFFICIAL CLAIM TO DOMINICAN TERRITORY AND SAID MAIN THRUST HAITIAN RULER'S FRONTIER THESIS (SEE REFTELS) WAS THAT "DOMINICAN INDEPENDENCE IS GUARANTEE FOR HAITIAN INDEPENDENCE". ALSO SAID ABSENCES FOR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND AMBASSADORS COMPLETELY NORMAL AND HE DID NOT EXPECT HIS GOVERNMENT TO CALL HIM BACK FOR CONSULTATION AGAIN (HE PRESUMABLY MEANT IN NEAR FUTURE).

WHILE PRINTING VINCENT INTERVIEW, TONE OF WHICH WAS CONCILIATORY, ON PAGE ONE, IN SAME EDITION NACIONAL SAID IN EDITORIAL THAT GODR SHOULD ASK FOR VINCENT'S WITHDRAWAL AND ALSO SHOULD BREAK RELATIONS WITH DUVALIER GOVERNMENT.

4. SECRETARY INTERIOR AND POLICE SMESTER WAS QUOTED IN LISTIN AS SAYING NUMBER OF HAITIANS IN DR IS "VITAL PROBLEM" WHICH MUST BE

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RESOLVED. INDICATED IF DOMINICANS SHOWED MORE INTEREST IN CUTTING SUGAR CANE THERE WOULD NOT BE SO MANY HAITIANS IN COUNTRY. ADDED IF CUBANS, PUERTO RICANS, AND PHILIPINOS CUT OWN CANE, "WE CAN DO SAME".

5. COMMENT: NEITHER BALAGUER NOR FOREIGN OFFICE HAS COMMENTED ON CONTINUED ABSENCE FROM HAITI OF DOMINICAN AMBASSADOR OR VINCENT'S RETURN. CAS REPORTS FROM RELIABLE SOURCES (HDC-4144 SECRET/NOFORN DISSEM) SUPPORT PRESS INFORMATION THAT BALAGUER PLANS DOWNGRADE DOMINICAN EMBASSY IN PORT AU PRINCE LEAVING CHARGE THERE. SAME SOURCES REPORT GUZMAN DEFINITELY WILL NOT RETURN BUT THAT BALAGUER WILL NOT BREAK RELATIONS.

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