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FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5071
INFO AMCONSUL SAGO DE LOS CABALLEROS

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SUBJECT: APRIL 24 RELATIVELY QUIET

REF: SD-2316

1. MEMORIAL MASS PLANNED BY PRD HELD AS SCHEDULED (SEE REFTEL), BUT IMPROMPTU MARCH TO CEMETARY REPORTEDLY BROKEN UP AT INDEPENDENCIA PARK BY POLICE AND MILITARY USING TEAR GAS AND NIGHTSTICKS. SOME STONING OF POLICE REPORTED, AND SEVERAL PERSONS ARRESTED --AND BEATEN-- INCLUDING EX-COMANDANTE ARTURO PUJOLS. SAME SHOOTING REPORTED BY NACIONAL, BUT INJURIES LIMITED TO BEATING RESULTS.

2. ACCORDING AVAILABLE INFO, VIOLENCE THUS FAR LIMITED TO ABOVE, HAS NOT SPREAD OTHER PARTS OF CITY, WHICH ENJOYING NORMAL BUSINESS DAY. NO VIOLENCE OR DEMONSTRATION IN EMBASSY VICINITY. NORMAL SANTO DOMINGO POLICE COMPLEMENT RE-

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