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ANALYSIS BRANCH

FROM : Amembassy SANTO DOMINGO

DATE: September 9, 1966

SUBJECT : Dominican Police Uncover Two Major Arms Caches

REF :

1. The Dominican Police recently seized two major caches of heavy armaments in the former rebel area of Santo Domingo. The first raid, personally directed by Police Chief General Luis NEY Tejeda on August 29, unearthed the following items: one 50-caliber and two 30-caliber watercooled machine guns; ten Mauser rifles; one 3.5 rocket launcher and thirteen boxes of ammunition. The second search, on September 1, yielded one 50-caliber machine gun with 3000 rounds, three Thompson sub-machine guns, two M-16 automatic rifles, eighteen home-made bombs and 10,000 rounds of assorted ammunition.

2. Embassy Public Safety officers credit greatly improved police techniques in the last six months for the results of the searches, the most successful to date in the long and generally unproductive search for illegal arms. Recruitment of informants has been significantly increased by means of radio, television and newspaper advertisements. In both searches, the police were able to go directly to the location of the hidden arms; in one case under a terraza floor and 3-4 inches of concrete, and in the other, in an unused cistern on the roof, again under concrete. Greater aggressiveness and better organized efforts by the National Police spurred by President Balaguer, have also been important factors in increasing police effectiveness in this area.

3. The size of the problem still facing the security forces is indicated by the calculation that the take from arms collection efforts so far represents less than one per cent of the total of illegal arms in the country.

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