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1. IN EFFORT EASE POLITICAL TENSIONS AND DEVELOP FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR ELECTIONS SCHEDULED THIS JUNE, DOM GOVT HAS ANNOUNCED ASSIGNMENT TO DIPLOMATIC POSTS ABROAD SELECTED NUMBER DOM ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL TOGETHER WITH SELECTED NUMBER DOM MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO DEFECTED FROM ARMED FORCES LAST APRIL TO FIGHT ON "CONSTITUTIONALIST" SIDE DURING CIVIL WAR, TERMINATED SEPT. 3 WHEN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT INSTALLED UNDER OAS AUSPICES.
2. INTEGRATION FORMER CONSTITUTIONALIST MILITARY PERSONNEL INTO REGULAR ARMED FORCES HAS BEEN ONE OF KEY

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 SECURITY AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF GOVT SINCE INSTALLATION. FAILURE FIND SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE BOTH FACTIONS HAS CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO POLITICAL INSTABILITY. ISSUE REACHED CLIMAX DEC. 19 WHEN ARMED CONFRONTATION TOOK PLACE IN SANTIAGO A SECOND LARGEST CITY DOMREP, BETWEEN REGULAR ARMED FORCES AND GROUP EX-CONSTITUTIONALIST MILITARY PERSONNEL, RESULTING IN CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES. GOVT HAS SINCE THEN BEEN CONFRONTED WITH POLITICAL CRISIS, WHICH PRESIDENT NOW ATTEMPTING RESOLVE BY ASSIGNING ABROAD SELECTED OFFICERS BOTH CAMPS.

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3. "EXILED" OFFICERS MAY SEEK INFLUENCE POLITICAL EVENTS IN DOMREP FROM ABROAD IN FAVOR THEIR POLITICAL FACTION. THEIR VIEWS ON DOM AND OTHER QUESTIONS MAY BE CONTRARY THOSE DOM GOVT AND THEY MAY, WITHOUT OR

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CONTRARY TO INSTRUCTIONS FROM DOM GOVT, ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES CALCULATED INFLUENCE POSITIONS TAKEN BY HOST GOVT IN OAS AND UN ON DOMINICAN QUESTIONS, UUCH AS ROLE AND TENURE INTER-AMERICAN PEACE FORCE (IAPF) IN DOM REP. SUCH ACTIVITIES WOULD HAVE UNFAVORABLE, DIVISIVE INFLUENCE IN THIS COUNTRY, WHICH PASSING THROUGH

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PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT AND POLITICALLY SENSITIVE PERIOD
LEADING TO ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT JUNE.

4. EMB WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT REQUESTING EMBASSIES CONCERNED, IN COORDINATION WITH CAS, CAREFULLY OBSERVE ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS OFFICERS ASSIGNED HOST COUNTRY AND REPORT PROMPTLY TO EMB SANTO DOMINGO ANY SUCH ACTIVITIES WHICH SEEM DESIGNED INFLUENCE POLITICAL EVENTS IN DOM REP DIRECTLY OR THROUGH OAS OR UN.

5. FOLLOWING (ALL EX-CONSTITUTIONALISTS) DEPARTED JANUARY 22 FOR FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENTS; WITH ETA DURING WEEKEND FOR ALL BUT LAST NAMED:

A. MILITARY ATTACHE, LONDON, COLONEL FRANCISCO A. CAAMANO DENO, ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE, THREE CHILDREN, TWO MILITARY AIDES (DIPPE AND DENO), WIFE OF DIPPE.

B. MILITARY ATTACHE, OTTAWA, CAPITAN DE CORBETA (EQUIVALENT U.S. NAVY COMMANDER), MANUEL RAMON MONTES ARACHE, ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE, FIVE CHILDREN, TWO MILITARY AIDES (UBIERA AND ABREU).

C. MILITARY ATTACHE, BRUSSELS, HECTOR ENRIQUE LACHAPELLE DIAZ (FORMERLY ARMY CAPTAIN BUT CONSTITUTIONALIST RANK OF LT. COLONEL APPEARS IN PASSPORT), ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE, TWO CHILDREN, ONE MILITARY AIDE (BELLO), FIVE MISCELLANEOUS (RELATIVES AND SERVANTS).

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D. MILITARY ATTACHE, SANTIAGO, CAPTAIN (ARMY) MARIO PENA TAVERAS, REMAINS SAN JUAN UNTIL TRANSPORTATION SANTIAGO ARRANGED.

6 BIOGRAPHIC INFO ON EACH OFFICER BEING SENT EMBASSY CONCERNED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

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