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DESPITE SOME INCREASE TENSIONS LAST TWO DAYS, LARGELY IN CONNECTION SQUEEZE OF NEW FISCAL MEASURES AND UNCERTAINTIES AS IMF DEADLINE NEARS, EMB HAS HEARD NOTHING TO SUBSTANTIATE ALLEGATION PLOT BEING PLANNED FOR OCT 30. WE AGREE WITH DEPT'S EVALUATION AS STATED LAST SENTENCE REFTEL. COINCIDENCE OF FESTIVITIES PLANNED FOR BALAGUER IN SAN JUAN NOV 1, DOES NOT ESCAPE US, HOWEVER, AND WE SHALL BE ESPECIALLY ALERT FOR INDICATIONS ANYTHING UNUSUAL. PERHAPS BASIC TO SITUATION IS THAT LAST TWO WEEKS HAVE BEEN QUIET HERE, AND THAT IS ABOUT AS MUCH AS LOCAL CONSTITUTIONS SEEM ABLE TO ABOSRB.

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AS INDICATION DEVELOPING NERVOUSNESS (AND PERHAPS CONTRIBUTING TO IT), RUMOR FLASHED THROUGH CITY YESTERDAY THAT U.S. WARHSIPS PATROLLING COAST, AND BOTH MORNING NEWSPAPERS NOTED VISIBLE PRESENCE "UNIDENTIFIED FOREIGN VESSELS," LISTIN WITH PHOTOGRAPH. MANY QUESTIONS ASKED US LAST NIGHT AT ISRAELI RECEPTION IN HONOR NEW AMBASSADOR, MOST OF THEM IN CONTEXT "DO YOU EXPECT TROUBLE" AND AGAINST BACKGROUND OF U.S. NAVY PRESENCE WHEN LAST OF TRUJILLOS DEPARTED NOV. 1961. TRUTH IS THAT TWO U.S. MSO'S HERE SINCE OCT. 17 CONDUCTING UNDERWAY TRAINING FOR DOM. NAVY FROM HAINA AFTER WEEKEND IN SANTO DOMINGO, AS HAS BEEN DONE SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN PAST. UNFORTUNATELY WERE CLEARLY VISIBLE YESTERDAY FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON AVENUE ALONG WATERFRONT AND UNDERTOOK FIRING EXERCISE WITHIN EARSHOT.

IN THIS CONNECTION, MAJOR GEN. BREITWEISER, USAFSO, PLANNING ROUTINE VISIT MAAG AIR FORCE SECTION OCT. 28-30. THREE DESTROYERS (DD) SCHEDULED SOME TIME AGO VISIT SANTO DOMINGO OCT. 30-NOV. 3 AND TWO MORE WILL BE HERE NOV. 6-9, ALL FOR REST AND RECREATION

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