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Honorable Marvin Watson Special Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

The following information concerning the Dominican situation may be of interest to the President:

On May 8, 1965, Dominican Consul General Rafael Alberto Arvelo Gonzalez, Miami, Florida, advised our Miami Office that he had been contacted on that date by Americo Lora Camacho and told that Lora had been named the Dominican Consul General at Miami by the Dominican Rebel Government. Lora indicated that he intended to take possession of the Dominican Consulate property and assume consular duties on that date. Arvelo notified Lora that he would refuse to relinquish his position or the Consulate property until such time as a new Dominican Government is recognized by the United States.

A representative of the Miami Police Department interviewed Lora on May 8, 1965. Lora advised that he had arrived in Miami the previous day from San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he had been in consultation with former Dominican President Juan Bosch. Lora claimed that he had been named to the Miami consular position by the Dominican Rebel Government; however, he said that he does not intend to attempt to physically occupy the Consulate in opposition to Arvelo or to violate any laws or local ordinances in order to take over the Consulate.

On May 7, 1965, Gaston Espinal, who has been designated as Dominican Consul General in New York City by the Rebel Government, advised our New York Office that Ruben Brache had been named as Ambassador to the United Nations by the Rebel Government. Espinal said that Brache has been serving as Organizational Secretary of the New York Branch of the Partido Revolucionario Dominicano (PRD), political party of Bosch.

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On May 8, 1965, a source at Miami who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that he had been in contact on May 7, 1965, with Commodore Francisco Rivera Caminero, described as Chief of the Dominican Navy. According to the source, Rivera said that the Dominican Navy had received confidential information to the effect that communist elements among the Dominican rebels wanted to oust Colonel Francisco Caamano Deno as rebel leader since Caamano is not aggressive enough for them.

Sincerely yours,

M. Edgar Hooner