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A handwritten letter 'W' enclosed within a hand-drawn circle, positioned between the recipient's address and the salutation.

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

Dear Mr. Watson:

There is enclosed a memorandum containing information of possible interest to the President concerning the activities of Juan Bosch, former Dominican President who is now residing in Puerto Rico.

You will note that Bosch, according to one of our sources, is in telephonic contact with Radio Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic where he records short speeches which later are rebroadcast in the Dominican Republic. In one speech, he states that it is his personal and political decision to help Colonel Francisco Caamano Deno, the rebel leader, to the "last moment, to the last drop of sweat and blood."

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover", written below the closing.

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A source who has furnished reliable information in the past has learned the following concerning the current Dominican situation and the activities of Juan Bosch, former Dominican President who is now residing in Puerto Rico:

On May 6, 1965, the source learned that Bosch telephoned directly to Radio Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic two speeches for recording and rebroadcast in the Dominican Republic. The source said the speeches were more in the nature of short spot announcements than what one would regard as speeches.

The first announcement called on the people of the Dominican Republic to help themselves by helping the "constitutional government" presided over by Colonel Francisco Caamano Deno, the president of the provisional government. Bosch indicated it was his personal and political decision to help Colonel Caamano to the "last moment, to the last drop of sweat and blood." Bosch's second spot announcement is quoted as follows:

"Dominicans. What did you want to get away from? Corruption! Crime! and Deceit! You asked for constitutionality without elections, that is, a constitutional government without the need of fraud, electoral fraud. Well, we now have a constitutional government won and imposed by the blood and the life of the people, That government must be helped. That government must be supported. Day and night. At all times. Not ask of President Caamano, give to him. Not demand, help. By helping the constitutional government, we help the Republic. And by helping the Republic we help all Dominicans. Let's go Dominicans."

Our source learned that the first spot announcement referred to above was broadcast in the Dominican Republic shortly after it was given by Bosch and then rebroadcast every forty-five minutes.

In addition to the above, this same source learned on May 6, 1965, that a television company located in Toronto, Canada,

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which allegedly has a million viewers, wanted a televised interview of Bosch to show on a television program on May 7, 1965. It was learned that this television company was possibly in sympathy with Bosch.

It was also learned that a cable had been received from the "Democratic youth" (not further identified) of Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, inviting Bosch to speak at Harvard as soon as possible. All expenses for the trip were to be guaranteed by the group and the name of the spokesman for the group was given as James Roosevelt, grandson of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Of additional possible interest is an observation of the source regarding the manner in which people of Bosch's movement address each other. Top officials are quite formal in their salutations but all others are referred to as "companero," one translation of which is "comrade." This is a common salutation found among pro-Castro Cubans.