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

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Dear Mr. Watson:

There is enclosed a memorandum concerning information of possible interest to the President concerning contacts made by Juan Bosch, deposed Dominican President, with Alete Fernandez, wife of deceased Caamano Government Minister Rafael Tomas Fernandez Dominguez, and with an individual referred to as "Minister" who possibly may have been Hector Aristy, Minister of the Presidency of the rebel Government. It is noted that Bosch, in conversation with both Fernandez and the Minister, discussed the death of the husband of Fernandez, allegedly killed by a United States Marine, and the travel of Fernandez to the Dominican Republic.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past on May 20, 1965, advised that he had learned that on May 20, 1965, Alete Fernandez, the wife of deceased Caamano Government Minister Rafael Tomas Fernandez Dominguez, was contacted by Juan Bosch, deposed Dominican President. Bosch instructed Fernandez to board a United States military aircraft at 8 a.m. (presumably on May 20, 1965). Fernandez replied that she desired to travel alone. Bosch told her he had not slept all night from grief and that his wife, Carmen, was similarly "stricken."

Bosch later contacted Jaime Benitez, Chancellor-President of the University of Puerto Rico, and instructed him to make sure that Alete Fernandez did not find out that her husband had been killed by a United States Marine. Bosch commented that she probably would learn this fact when she arrived in the Dominican Republic.

Later on May 20, 1965, the source advised that Bosch contacted a person whom he called "Minister" (possibly Hector Aristy, Minister of the Presidency of the rebel Government). Bosch told the Minister that Alete Fernandez would arrive in the Dominican Republic about 9 a.m. or 9:15 a.m. on a United States military aircraft but that she was not aware that a United States Marine had killed her husband. Bosch said that she would be met at the airport in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, by a "Department Secretary of McNamara" and this individual would take her to the city. Bosch ordered that the funeral services should be held at noon; that they should be simple; and that crowds should not be permitted. Bosch also ordered the Minister to assure that Antonio Guzman telephone him.

Bosch requested the latest information concerning the military situation and the Minister advised Bosch that it was the same as "last night." In this regard the Minister indicated

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that "they" had withdrawn eight blocks "but the rear was still okay." The Minister said that "they" had destroyed the radio equipment at Radio Santo Domingo and were forced to withdraw because of heavy American fire; however, the building was left intact. Bosch inquired if Villa Consuelo, Guale and Guachupita (all phonetic) are still "in our hands."

The San Juan, Puerto Rico, Office of the FBI on May 20, 1965, ascertained through the United States Navy, San Juan, that Alete Fernandez was not aboard the 8:15 a.m. picket plane for Santo Domingo.

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