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FOR ASST SECY VAUGHN FROM BUNKER AND BENNETT

MORNING HAS BEEN SPENT IN ROUND OF MEETING WITH GARCIA GODOY, ALONE AND WITH HIM AND RIVERA CAMINERO AND THREE CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND WITH GENERALS ALVIM AND PALMER TO CONSIDER BEST WAY OF HANDLING WESSIN PROBLEM. WESSIN IS NOW IN OPEN AND PUBLIC DEFIANCE OF HIS GOVERNMENT. HE DID NOT CALL ON PRESIDENT THIS MORNING AS AGREED LAST EVENING AND INSTEAD, GOING BACK ON LAST NIGHT'S PROMISE TO DEPART, SENT GROUP OF HIS CEFA

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OFFICERS TO ARGUE HIS CASE WITH RIVERA CAMINERO. RIVERA SAID HE TOLD THEM HE WOULD REFUSE TO TAKE WESSIN'S NEGATIVE REPLY AS CONVEYED BY THEM SINCE IT WAS NOT HE BUT PRESIDENT OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WHO HAD ASKED QUESTION. WESSIN SHOULD PRESENT HIMSELF BEFORE CHIEF OF STATE AS HE HAD PROMISED. CEFA OFFICERS WERE TOLD TO RETURN TO WESSIN AND TELL HIM THAT HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO LEAVE COUNTRY AS PRESIDENT HAD ORDERED. IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE THAT HE GO VOLUNTARILY WITH DIGNITY TO POST OF HIS CHOOSING AS AMBASSADOR OR MILITARY ATTACHE. HE MUST HOWEVER GO. RIVERA AND THREE SERVICE CHIEFS WERE EMPHATIC IN THEIR DENUNCIATION OF WESSIN'S INSUBORDINATION.

GARCIA GODOY STRESSED HIS DETERMINATION THAT WESSIN MUST LEAVE COUNTRY TODAY AND CHIEFS AGREED WITH HIM THAT WITH EVERY HOUR OF DELAY WESSIN BECOMES MORE OF A POLITICAL PROBLEM DISTURBING TO EFFORTS TO WORK OUT TRANQUILIZATION OF COUNTRY.

GARCIA GODOY IS ADDRESSING LETTER TO AD HOC COMMITTEE CITING WESSIN'S INSUBORDINATION AND NECESSITY THAT HE LEAVE

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DOMREP AND REQUESTING COMMITTEE'S ASSISTANCE IN EFFECTING HIS "TEMPORARY SEPARATION FROM THE COUNTRY." BUNKER ACTING FOR COMMITTEE IS WRITING LETTER TO GENERAL ALVIM TO REQUEST PEACE FORCE TO PROCEED WITH NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO EFFECT DEPARTURE

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OF WESSIN. HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PENNA MARINHO AND CLAIR-MONT DUENAS UR U.S. BY TELEPHONE; BOTH APPROVED TEXT AND EXPRESSED EMPHATIC AGREEMENT WITH WHATEVER MEASURES MAY BE NECESSARY. IF WESSIN DOES NOT AGREE TO DEPART VOLUNTARILY, OTHER MEASURES WILL BE REQUIRED.

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ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O, 9/9/65, 5:30 P.M.

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