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

Dear Mr. Watson:

There is enclosed a memorandum captioned "Dominican Situation," dated May 20, 1965, which sets forth information that may be of interest to the President.

This memorandum sets forth the details of a contact between Juan Bosch and Hector Aristy, Minister of the Presidency of the rebel government in the Dominican Republic. During this contact Bosch and Aristy discussed the make-up of a new Dominican cabinet.

Our files contain no references identifiable with Noguera Fernandez, who is referred to in the enclosed memorandum.

With regard to Gonzalez Pomares and Miama Castillo, who are referred to in the enclosed memorandum, it is possible these individuals may be identical with Lieutenant Colonel Jose Nelton Gonzalez Pomares and Francisco Antonio Castillo respectively. The results of a review of our files concerning the latter two individuals have separately been furnished to the White House.

Sincerely yours,

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On May 19, 1965, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during the evening of May 19, 1965, Hector Aristy, Minister of the Presidency of the rebel government, was contacted by Juan Bosch.

Aristy indicated he was in better spirits than ever. Aristy stated Silvestre Antonio Guzman, Minister of Agriculture in the rebel government, had called him and at that time Guzman was dealing with "the officials because my partner is not feeling very well today. Do you understand?" Aristy stated Guzman indicated "they" did not accept one of our propositions which provided that the Minister of the Armed Forces be a civilian. "They" continued with the proposition that Gonzales Pomares be designated as the Minister of the Armed Forces. Aristy advised Bosch that "we" will accept him but we don't want them to make a counterproposition after "we" approve this.

Aristy advised "we" think that a good Air Force Chief of Staff would be a young man, a Colonel who was on the staff of Colonel Ramos Buseras (phonetic). Aristy identified Buseras as a cousin of Noguera Fernandez. He indicated that Buseras is in Argentina and that Buseras "left the other group" as he had a fight with Atila (possibly Brigadier General Miguel Atila Luna). Bosch stated he knew Buseras very well and he considers him to be a good man.

Aristy also stated that Miama Castillo (phonetic) would not "accept," even though Guzman spoke personally with him, as he felt he was otherwise obligated.

Aristy advised "we" must "find" a Navy Chief of Staff and we will furnish four names to Guzman. He added that in regard to the possible Minister of the Armed Forces "we" will furnish Guzman three candidates, two of whom will be Gonzales Pomares and Noguera Fernandez.

Aristy stated that "our" counterintelligence service in the office of General Antonio Imbert Barrera, head of the

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military - civilian junta opposing the rebel forces reported that this morning (May 19, 1965) United States Ambassador W. Tapley Bennett advised Imbert to gather all the troops he could in the interior so as to determine if Imbert could make a final assault because "they" don't want the United Nations in the Dominican Republic. Aristy stated he understood "they" were promised that the United Nations forces would help "them". Aristy indicated he had told Guzman about this, and "we" are publicly denouncing this on the radio.

Aristy observed that "we" are covered by the entire American corridor and if "they" (possibly referring to Imbert's troops) launch an attack against us, it would have to be in agreement with the Americans who would have to open up the corridor. Both Bosch and Aristy agreed the Americans could not do that as it would cause a great scandal.

Bosch emphasized he wanted fast negotiations because he was aware of the dangers involved.

Aristy observed that it seemed to him that "they" are trying to boycott President Johnson.

Bosch stated it not only seems that way but there are "factions" that are boycotting him. As a result, according to Bosch, "we" have to reach a fast agreement. Bosch advised Aristy to act quickly in submitting "a series of names so there will be no excuse."

Aristy stated fighting continues in the northern part (possibly in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic) and "we" are sure "we" can keep fighting for a couple of days because we are going to fight in small groups to harass "them". He indicated "their" counterintelligence had determined that Imbert is gathering all possible personnel and is trying to call up the reserves. Aristy does not believe Imbert will find any reserves at this time.

Bosch commented that as soon as word gets out the Americans have asked "them" to reorganize the new government "they" will start disbanding.

Aristy stated he had important information from the area on the other side of the bridge and if "they" pull a dirty trick on us "we" will set fire to the capital.

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Bosch advised Aristy that internationally "we" have won and our problem is to put the "lid on the kettle." Bosch requested that Aristy arrange for Guzman to immediately contact Bosch.

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