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

Dear Mr. Watson:

Enclosed is a memorandum which contains information of possible interest to the President.

The information in the enclosure indicates that Alberto Amengual, a close friend of Amiana Tio and a former personal business secretary of Antonio Imbert Barrera, has traveled to Russia, Czechoslovakia and Cuba and is sympathetic to the communist cause.

Amiana Tio is one of the two surviving assassins of the former Dominican dictator, Rafael Trujillo Molina. The other is General Antonio Imbert Barrera, head of the military-civilian junta in the Dominican Republic.

Sincerely yours,

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ALBERTO AMENGUAL

On May 19, 1965, a confidential source with whom contact has been insufficient to determine reliability, provided the following information concerning Alberto Amengual, described as a private secretary for personal business to General Antonio Imbert Barrera, leader of the Dominican Republic civilian-military junta.

The source was introduced to Amengual by Thelma Frias De Rodriquez, a pro-Juan Bosch Senator, and lived in Amengual's home for one month. He said Amengual is the son of a well-to-do book agent in the Dominican Republic. Amengual told the source that he had traveled to Russia, Prague, Czechoslovakia, and Castro Cuba. He spoke favorably of Russia and Cuba, and told the source that he was a captain under Castro during the Cuban revolution. Amengual has a personal library of communist books and wears a tiepin with a hammer and sickle thereon.

The source was present when Amengual told Amiama Tio, one of the two surviving assassins of the former Dominican dictator, Rafael Trujillo Molina, of his travel to Russia, Czechoslovakia and Cuba, and the source is confident that Tio, a good friend of Amengual's, has relayed this information to Imbert. According to the source, during the recent Dominican fighting Amengual had been living with Tio and the source believes Amengual is a captain, major or an important man in the Dominican Republic junta forces. The source pointed out that despite the widespread destruction on Calle Conde, Santo Domingo, Amengual's business property and home have not been molested.

On June 26, 1963, Julio Alejandro De Pena Santos, an individual with whom contact has been insufficient to determine reliability, but who has been described as being mentally unstable, stated that Alberto Amengual recently returned to the Dominican Republic from Moscow, Russia; Prague, Czechoslovakia; and Cuba. He also said that Amengual was at that time working at the Institute Pro Reforma Agraria with a Cuban agronomist who was a communist agent posing as an anticommunist.

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