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The source mentioned in the LHM is NY 5593-C-TE, who furnished the information to SAS DANIEL F. GARDE, JOHN MARTIN DOGGETT and JOSEPH A. GEORGE. Much of the information which he summarized on 12/28/67 he had previously furnished, in part, on previous dates during December, 1967.

The LHII is classified "Confidential" to protect the identity of a source of continuing value.

The source had a tentative arrangement to meet with VIXAMAR in London during the week of 12/25/67, at the Royal Lancaster Hotel for reassurances of facts as outlined by VIXAMAR and in order that he might speak with principals of Cogswell and Harrison, as well as with Col. PETERS. Source has advised, however, that as of 12/24/67, he had decided to gracefully withdraw from involvement in the plans of VIXAMAR and source's investigative assist to this office because it had become apparent that the transactions worked out by Cogswell and Harrison with VIXAMAR may be more in the nature of a confidence game in which VIXAMAR is to be the victim than a serious intention on the part of Cogswell and Harrison to actually become involved in a real invasion action.

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The NYO and recipient offices will be alert for any additional pertinent information concerning this matter which may be made available through established sources and promptly advise the Bureau and interested offices of any significant developments.

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It is source's diagnosis that some of the parties that Vixamar has involved in his plans have probably succeeded in cleverly deluding him in a confidence game type operation beyond Vixamar's present understanding.

Source concludes from Vixamar's conduct that he has possibly been "washed out" of operational funds for the present and immediate future. He also concludes that, for reasons best known to Vixamar and Julian, Julian appears to be out of the operation, and that Julian and Vixamar apparently no longer trust one another. The source furnished the following particulars:

On December 14, 1967, the source received a visit from Vixamar who came alone unaccompanied by Hubert Julian. Vixamar indicated the intention of operating without the assistance of Julian, and emphasized his desire that Julian should not be apprised of this and any of his future dealings with the source. He indicated that he did not fully trust Julian, felt that he was evil, and feared he might be working a double cross in selling information to the forces of Duvalier.

Vixamar claimed to have at his disposal a substantial number of important personages from the emerging nations who are also financing his venture to a limited extent, and that the Government of Chad is rendering all possible assistance to his program. He disclosed that the negotiations with Cogswell and Harrison at London had been founded by Julian and carried out by him on Vixamar's behalf. Vixamar verified that he did actually meet with Colonel J. (John) Peters, who confirmed to Vixamar all the details as to his troops and training program allegedly in progress for the invasion. The transaction arranged with Cogswell and Harrison, for the sum of two and a half million dollars, covered overall total charges for a flying boat, motor torpedo boat, arms and munitions, and in addition the total troop complement would not be less than 200 trained men, most of whom were previously experienced in the Congo fighting under Tshombe and later under Mobutu. According to Vixamar, the arrangement with Cogswell and Harrison included the overall services of Colonel J. Peters and his complement of troops.



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Vixamar offered the source the explanation that the letter of confirmation he received from Cogswell and Harrison was on a letterhead with a Liechenstein address rather than a London address, because the firm as well as all the parties to the arrangement had agreed that it would be improper to imply that the British Government was sanctioning the transaction, and that for all practical purposes it would be made to appear that the transaction was taking place in a neutral country, that is Liechenstein. Vixamar also mentioned that he feared that the intelligence agencies of Great Britain would tend to dispoil his transaction and ambitions. Colonel John Peters, according to Vixamar, would be named Chief of Staff and would remain in Haiti following an invasion until such time as full military support was able to protect Vixamar.

Vixamar disclosed to source that Julian had recently received word from Cogswell and Harrison to the effect that the Dominican Republic was no longer to be necessarily considered for use as a jump-off spot for the invasion, and that once a one-third payment had been made to the firm, merchandise and troops would be dispatched to an undisclosed point and the invasion would be on a direct basis rather than through employment of a stop-over or jump-off point.

Vixamar asserted that his operation is not involved in any way with Colonel Caamano, former Rebel Chief of Staff during the Dominican war in 1965, and that his relationship, with the President of the Dominican Republic was through Irwin Davidson (probably I. Irving Davidson), Public Relations Counsel in Washington, D.C., who is presently representing President Balaguer and is also closely linked to the invasion operation through Colonel J. Peters and Cogswell and Harrison. Vixamar denied to source that his operation includes support from the Castro Government. He asserted that he is not a Communist and has had no contact with the Chinese, but that if his monetary problems were not worked out, he would then in desperation look to other directions for cooperation.

Vixamar, under the impression that source or persons to whom he has ready access are in a position to raise large sums of money and are possibly interested to



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some extent in Vixamar's proposal to grant money-making concessions in Haiti following his assumption of power in exchange for financial assistance toward his invasion scheme, made further contact with source on December 16, 1967, bringing with him several documents. The contents of one of these, a letter dated November 16, 1967, on the letterhead of Cogswell and Harrison Overseas, is set forth on the following page.



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The other correspondence consisted of letters from the offices of a number of heads of state or foreign affairs offices of various Governments, many dated as early as 1965 and 1966, and polite acknowledgement of the receipt of correspondence from Vixamar, none of which appeared to make reference to any now current or imminent invasion plans.

Vixamar had mentioned to source on December 15, 1967, that two payments were made to Cogswell and Harrison to equal the total sum of \$75,000 from Societe Banque Des Suisse (Swiss Bank Corporation, Geneva, Switzerland), which were paid over in the form of bank checks by Julian. Vixamar also mentioned that he had paid to Julian an unspecified sum for expenses. He asserted that Julian had lied to him and indicated a conviction that he had in some way been "fleeced" by Julian and intended to have no further dealings with him. (The source expressed some scepticism about the truth of this claim.) Vixamar also indicated that he had been promised an additional \$100,000 from his "cultural friends" (not identified) at Paris, France.

On December 19, 1967, source met briefly with Vixamar and attempted without success to learn the source of his funds as well as the identity of his cooperative agents and friends.

On December 21, 1967, source received a telephone call from Vixamar from Paris, France, during which Vixamar indicated that he had been or would be in touch with "a cultural group" there (not further identified). He stated that he had raised another \$100,000 from "his friends" (not identified) and would proceed to Geneva, Switzerland, on the following day, and a few days thereafter to London, England.

On December 6, 1967, source learned through Hubert Julian's wife that Julian was to depart that evening for Switzerland. On December 19, 1967, Julian telephonically advised source of his return from London, England, the previous evening. He indicated the intention of departing the following day for Switzerland in connection with a Nigerian matter in which he has an interest.

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Source had no further contact with Julian until, in a telephone conversation on December 23, 1967, Julian stated that should Vixamar fail to come up with the necessary funds to deliver to Cogswell and Harrison, that the \$75,000 already on deposit would be forfeited. (Source expressed the opinion that the transaction was possibly planned in that assumption by persons in Cogswell and Harrison and/or Peters.) Julian further stated that the \$75,000 was delivered in two payments in the form of cashiers checks from the Union Bank of Switzerland.

In recent telephone conversations with source, Julian has been pleading poverty to the extent of urgently requesting funds for operations other than Vixamar's.

In a telephone conversation with Julian on December 24, 1967, Julian advised source that Cogswell and Harrison had dispatched a number of Haitian tourists to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, for the purpose of surveillance of the situation there.

Source made the following observations:

It is his opinion that the invasion of Haiti is truly in the mind of Vixamar. Vixamar was possibly led to Cogswell and Harrison by one or more persons with the overall plan of relieving him of invasion operational funds, although this is only conjecture. The firm of Cogswell and Harrison in London is old and supposedly reputable, but a relatively small operation which is more in the nature of a sporting goods shop than a dealer in armaments. However, it has been rumored that Samuel Cummings of Interarmoo, Monte Carlo, has purchased a controlling position in Cogswell and Harrison, although this has not been verified by source. theorizes that assuming that Sam Cummings did truly control, it is not very likely that he would involve himself in an invasion operation of this nature nor in a "flim flam" confidence game, as his wealth is more than realistically substantial, and he is constantly under investigation and surveillance by many Governments, probably including that of the United States of America. If Cummings were to involve

