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SUBJECT: Haitian Exile Activities in the Dominican Republic

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

ACTION REQUIRED: None, FYI

REFERENCE: ²⁰⁻⁴ Paris-8128, 10 June 1966, et al.

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1. Prior to his departure from the Dominican Republic for Paris, [REDACTED]-1 provided information on Haitian exile activities in the Dominican Republic. In view of the present activities of Haitian exiles in Paris, as reported by [REDACTED]-1, the information is now being forwarded for background.

2. On 30 May 1966, [REDACTED]-1 met Godefroy MOSCOSO, a white Haitian who claimed he lived in Venezuela where he is president of the Partido Unido. [REDACTED]-1 was taken to meet MOSCOSO at the Hotel Comercial in Santo Domingo by Gerard Max LAFONTANT, a Haitian Communist. MOSCOSO provided the following information:

a. There are 60 Haitians living in Venezuela who are ready to participate in a new invasion against Haiti.

b. There are about 200 Haitian exiles in the Dominican Republic who are prepared for the same mission. There are 80,000 Haitians living in the Dominican Republic.

c. MOSCOSO is a founder of the Haitian PUP, and was secretary of political matters for that party.

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d. In Venezuela, he is a physician. He has an intimate relationship with Venezuelan President Raul LEONI, and claimed that LEONI gave him a letter of introduction to former Dominican President Juan BOSCH and to the Venezuelan Consul General in Santo Domingo.

e. MOSCOSO was trying to arrange a meeting with then Provisional President Hector GARCIA GODOY Caceres in an effort to win GARCIA GODOY's promise that he would ease the pressure against Haitian exiles in the Dominican Republic and, if possible, prevent the latter's expulsion to Haiti. MOSCOSO did not criticize the expulsion of several Haitians by GARCIA GODOY, but wanted to visit the Provisional President to prevent future action of this type.

f. The Haitian movement in Venezuela received an offer in April 1966 from Haitians living in Cuba of their services in any future invasion of Haiti. The offer had been rejected because any invasion force would be basically nationalistic in public, and would reveal its true face only after the invasion attained success and took full control of the Government. MOSCOSO, who admitted to being a Marxist, said he also understood that any movement connected with Marxism would meet with U.S. opposition, and would therefore be doomed. The U.S. was stupid, but not that stupid.

g. MOSCOSO said he had met with Ubaldo ROA del Rozario, a member of the Dominican Communist Party (PCD), on 30 May 1966. [redacted] Comment. ROA visited Cuba in March 1966, and received instructions while there to contact former Dominican Constitutionalist military leaders who are assigned to diplomatic posts in Europe.)

h. MOSCOSO said he wanted to meet Martha MARTINEZ, a member of the Human Rights Commission, to demand protection for Haitian exiles in the Dominican Republic.

i. MOSCOSO would like to take the Haitians to Venezuela, but admitted that most of them were not technically prepared for the high level of living in Venezuela. This fact posed a problem.

3. On 31 May 1966, [redacted] and LAFONTANT again met with MOSCOSO at the Hotel Comercio; MOSCOSO made the following comments:

a. The U.S. Government will soon oust Haitian Dictator Francois DUVALIER and install their own man.

b. The regime in Cuba is a dictatorship; the administration of Governmental affairs is very inefficient.

4. At the 31 May meeting, LAFONTANT told MOSCOSO that "Manolo" REY, a Cuban who obtained explosives for him to use in the first invasion against Haiti, was living in the Dominican Republic. LAFONTANT described REY as a former collaborator of Fidel CASTRO, but was not on speaking terms with CASTRO. LAFONTANT said that the Communist-oriented 14th of June Revolutionary Movement (MR-1J4) had on one occasion accused him (REY) of being a WCFAC agent, but this was not true. REY can obtain explosives within 24 hours after the request is made.

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5. On 10 June 1968, ² [REDACTED]-1 said that ~~MOSECO~~ had named Rene Viaux to be in charge of the Haitian underground movement in the Dominican Republic. Viaux was named on 6 June at the Hotel Comercial. ~~MOSECO~~ planned to leave for Venezuela on 8 June 1968.

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