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1. DONALD J. REID CABRAL, DOMINICAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, SAID ON 1 DECEMBER 1963 THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONTINUING FOR AN EXCHANGE OF CUBAN PRISONERS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FOR DOMINICAN FAMILIES NOW RESIDING IN CUBAN AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE EXCHANGE ARE BEING MADE THROUGH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

2. REID SAID THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE ALSO UNDER WAY BETWEEN THE TRIUMPHATE GOVERNMENT AND CUBAN EXILES NOW RESIDING IN MIAMI FOR AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE EXILES WITH DOMINICAN TRAINING BASES TO BE USED BY THE EXILES IN THEIR OPERATIONS AGAINST CASTRO.

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REID EXPLAINED THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING HELD UNDER THE STRICTEST SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN ORDER TO PREVENT OR FURTHER DELAY RECOGNITION OF THE TRIUMVIRATE GOVERNMENT BY THE UNITED STATES.

3. REID SAID HE CONSIDERED THAT THE SITUATION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WAS NOW PEACEFUL BUT THAT UNITED STATES RECOGNITION AND FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL AID WERE DESPERATELY NEEDED. REID SAID THAT HE EXPECTED RECOGNITION FROM THE UNITED STATES BY 15 DECEMBER 1963.

4. CONCERNING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND SEVERAL CUBAN EXILE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS NOW RESIDING IN MIAMI, REID SAID THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IS CONSIDERED MANY OF THESE EXILES COMPETENT MEN, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, AND WAS HOPING TO ATTRACT THEM TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO ASSIST THE TRIUMVIRATE GOVERNMENT IN ADMINISTERING THE COUNTRY. REID SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SEVERAL CUBAN EXILE LEADERS NOW IN MIAMI PARTICIPATE IN THE TRIUMVIRATE GOVERNMENT.

5. REID SAID THAT HE WOULD BE LEAVING THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC "IN SEVERAL DAYS" ON A TRIP TO ISRAEL AND JAPAN IN ORDER TO SIGN COMMERCIAL TREATIES BETWEEN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC THESE COUNTRIES. REID DID NOT EXPLAIN THE DETAILS OF THE TREATIES WHICH HE PLANS TO SIGN.

6. REID SAID THAT HE WOULD REMAIN THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR ANOTHER YEAR IN ORDER THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO RUN

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