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Political Prisoner in Hospital

Clemant Joseph Charles was taken from the National Penitentiary in Portau-Prince to Haiti's General Hospital. The former Duvalier banker has been jailed since 15.1 "for political reasons" No proper trial was held.

Mr. Charles is suffering from an acute liver infection and the physicians attending him have warned that he will die unless he's allowed to travel abroad for special treatment.

This isn't the first time Mr. Charles was taken from his cell to a hospital. Last year he was rushed to Haiti's military hospital for treatment of the same disease.

Mrs. Charles has been allowed to visit her husband.

This is the first time the Duvalier regime has acted half humanely with a political prisoner. It's been pointed out that Marie-Denise Duvalier Dominique, a friend of Mr. Charles, has often interceded for him.

• Army chief-of-staif Jean-Baptiste Hilaire will soon be replaced, say military sources in Port-au-Prince. His likely replacement? Col. Roger St. Albain.

On a lighter note, the General ran for cover on September 22 while there was a review on the Palace grounds to commemorate Duvalier's "election" in 1957. Accidentally the loaded automatic weapon of a militaman west off. Many officials, General Hilaire among them, scrambled for protection. Jean-Claude, his mother and their bodyguard General Gracia Jacques were trembling, but they kept standing, says a source that was standing close to them.

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Transfer of Political Prisoner Clemard Joseph Charles to Port-au-Prince General Hospital.

- 1. Clemard Joseph C h a r l e s, former president of the Commercial Bank of Haiti who has been held political prisoner since April 1970 on charges of plotting against the government, was recently transferred from jail to the general hospital in Port-au-Prince. Charles is said to be dying of cirrhosis of the liver and was transferred to the hospital on orders of Madame Simone Ovide D u v a l i e r, mother of Haitian President Jean Claude D u v a l i e r.
- Doctors recommended that Charles be sent abroad for proper medical treatment but Mme. Duvalier authorized his transfer only to the local hospital. According to close relatives, this occurred only after Minister of Interior and Defense Paul B 1 a n c h e t told the President and his mother that he would refuse to become involved in this case and would not sign any papers required of him as Minister of Interior certifying that Charles had died in prison. Relatives of Charles still intend to press for his removal from the country.

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SUBJECT FURTHER EFFORTS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI TO BRING ABOUT
RAPPROCHEMENT WITH HAITIAN EXILES

1. ON APPROXIMATELY 26 MARCH 1972 LUCKNER C A M B R O N X E,
HAITIAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND NATIONAL DEFENSE, TELEPHONED

FERMIN J O S E P H, AN OFFICIAL OF THE NEW YORK-BASED, HAITIAN

EXILE NEWSPAPER "HAITI OBSERVATEUR," AND TOLD JOSEPH THAT HE WAS

DISAPPOINTED AT THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT OF HAITI (GOH) STANCE

TAKEN BY THE "HAITI OBSERVATEUR" IN GENERAL AND JOSEPH IN PARTI
CULAR IN THE 18 MARCH EDITION OF THE PAPER. CAMBRONNE STATED

THAT HE HAD HOPED THAT HIS RECENT INVITATION TO ALL HAITIAN EXILES

TO RETURN TO HAITI, COUPLED WITH HIS PRIVATE DISCUSSION

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WITH JOSEPH, WOULD HAVE GIVEN THE PAPER CAUSE TO RE-EXAMINE ITS POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE GOH.

(HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THE SAME SOURCE REPORTED IN

THAT DURING A MEETING ON 16 MARCH 1972

BETWEEN THE TWO, CAMBRONNE TOLD JOSEPH THE GOH CONSIDERED

THE "HAITI OBSERVATEUR" AND ITS SUPPORTERS TO BE THE ONLY OBSTACLE

TO THE GOH'S PLANS TO REUNITE ALL HAITIANS IN AN EFFORT TO BUILD

A NEW, PROGRESSIVE NATION. AS A FIRST STEP TO RAPPROCHEMENT,

CAMBRONNE ASKED JOSEPH TO REALIGN HIMSELF WITH THE GOH AND RETURN

TO HAITI. IF JOSEPH ACCEPTED, CAMERONNE SAID, THE GOH WOULD BE

WILLING TO NAME HIM TO WHATEVER OFFICIAL POSITION HE DESIRED EITHER

INSIDE HAITI OR ABROAD.)

JOSEPH REPLIED THAT BEFORE HE OR THE "HAITI OBSERVATEUR" COULD GIVE ANY THOUGHT TO SOFTENING THEIR POSITIONS ON THE GOH, THE GOH WOULD HAVE TO SHOW ITS GOOD INTENTIONS THROUGH DEEDS RATHER THAN MERE PROMISES. CAMBRONNE THEN INVITED THE "HAITI OBSERVATEUR" TO SEND A TEAM OF REPORTERS TO HAITI TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE CHANGES WHICH WERE BEING BROUGHT ASOUT BY THE REGIME OF PRESIDENT JEAN-CLAUDE D U V A L I E R. BEFORE SUCH A TRIP COULD BE MADE, JOSEPH SAID, POLITICAL PRISONERS WOULD HAVE TO BE RELEASED. ALSO,

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THE "HAITI OBSERVATEUR" WOULD INSIST THAT ANY SUCH TEAM OF REPORTERS WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY NEWSMEN FROM OTHER NATIONS WHO WOULD ACT AS GUARDS AGAINST ANY PRESSURE THE GOH MIGHT APPLY AGAINST THE HAITIAN REPORTERS.

- 4. JOSEPH ASKED CAMBRONNE WHETHER THE GOH INDEED INTENDED TO RELEASE SUCH POLITICAL PRISONERS AS HUBERT L E G R O S, CLEMARD JOSEPH C H A R L E S, AND COL. KESNER B L A I N AS CAMBRONNE HAD INTIMATED DURING HIS 15 MARCH PRESS CONFERENCE. TO THIS CAMBRONNE REPLIED THAT HE CONSIDERED LEGROS TO BE A VERY DANGEROUS MAN AND THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION OF EVER RELEASING HIM. (HEAD-QUARTERS COMMENT: LEGROS, A LAWYER AND SELF-PROCLAIMED COMMUNIST, WAS ARRESTED IN MAY 1970 AFTER HAVING BEEN SOUGHT BY HAITIAN AUTHORITIES FOR SEVERAL YEARS. CHARLES, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF HAITI, AND BLAIN, FORMER COMMANDANT OF THE QUARTERMASTER CORPS, WERE ARRESTED IN APRIL 1970 FOR PLOTTING AGAINST THE GOH.)
- 5. CAMBRONNE REITERATED THAT HE BELIEVED THE "HAITI
 OBSERVATEUR" POSED THE NUMBER ONE THREAT TO THE GOH'S PLANS TO
 REUNITE ALL HAITIANS. CAMBRONNE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOH
 ALSO BELIEVED GEORGES R I G A U D, A LEADER OF THE HAITIAN

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RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN MONTREAL, AND A PROFESSOR RENE S A I N T - L O U I S, WHO IS ALSO LOCATED IN CANADA, TO BE IMPORTANT ENEMIES OF THE GOH.

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: HAITI, PORT AU PRINCE

1. ACCORDING TO SRIG. GEB. CLAUDE R A Y N C E D , CHIEF
OF HAITIAN ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF, PRESIDENT FRANCOIS
D U V A L I E R COMPLETED HIS PERSONAL INTERROGATION OF
CLEMARD JOSEPH C H A R L E S , FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE
COMMERCIAL BANK OF HAITIA AND COL. KESNER B L A I N , FORMER
QUARTERMASTER OF THE HAITIAN ARRED FORCES, ON 15 HARCH 1971.

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. REPORTED THAT

DUVALIER HAD SEEN BLAIK PRIVATELY ON 9 MARCH 1971 AND BLAIN AND CHARLES TOGETHER ON 12 MARCH 1971. THE SAME SOURCE REPORTED THAT DUVALIER HAD AGAIN SEEN BLAIN AND CHARLES ON 15 MARCH 1971.)

- 2. RAYMOND SAID THAT, IN HIS INTERROGATION OF CHARLES,
 DUVALIER APPEARED PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH DETERMINING IF
 CHARLES HAD SERVED AS A FUNDING CHANNEL FROM AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN
 TO THE HAITIAN CONSPIRATORS. IN THE COURSE OF THE INTERROGATION,
 DUVALIER SHOWED CHARLES A PHOTOCOPY OF A CASHIER'S CHECK FOR
 \$170,000 DRAWN IN CHARLES' NAME. CHARLES ALLEGEDLY REPLIED THAT
 HE HAD DEALINGSWITH MANY FOREIGNERS AND HAITIANS. HE DENIED
 DUVALIER'S CHARGES SAYING THAT, IF HE HAD BEEN INVOLVED, IT
 WOULD HAVE BEEN A PURELY HAITIAN AFFAIR AND THAT HE WOULD NOT
 SULLY HAITI'S HONGR BY SEEKING HELP FROM FOREIGNERS.
- 3. ACCORDING TO RAYMOND, BLAIN ALSO DENIED ANY FOREIGN
 INVOLVEMENT. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT ALL THE CABINET MEMBERS
 HAD CONSPIRED WITH HIM AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, EXCEPT FOR
 AURELE JOSEPH, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERIOR AND NATIONAL
 DEFENSE; MAX A B T O I S E, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS;
 AND ANDRE D U B E, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC

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AFFAIRS. BLAIN ALSO IMPLICATED ABOUT ONE QUARTER OF THE

49-MAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, INCLUDING SUCH PERSONS AS ULRICH

S T . - L O U I S , PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY AND DEPUTIES

LUCKNER C A M B R O N N E , VICTOR NEVERS C C N S T A M T ,

AND MME. MARCELLE A U G U S T I N . BLAIN ADDED THAT HE HAD

ALSO CONSPIRED WITH COL. BRETON C L A U D E , COMMANDER OF

THE DESSALINES BATTALION, AND COL. FRED M. A R T Y , INSPECTOR

GENERAL OF THE HAITIAN ARMED FORCES. BLAIN SAID THAT, LONG

BEFORE APRIL 1970, CLAUDE HAD ALSO BEEN INVOLVED IN VARIOUS

CONSPIRACIES WITH CLOVIS D E S I N G R , FORMER SECRETARY OF

STATE FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, LUCKNER CAMBRONNE,

AND THE LATE LEON B O R D E S , AND THAT THESE MEN HAD FORMED

A CLANDESTINE POLITICAL PARTY WITH DE INOR AS PRESIDENT.

- 4. RAYMOND SAID THAT DUVALIER WAS CONTINUING A SECRET INVESTICATION OF THESE ADMISSIONS, PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT TO POSSIBLE FOREIGN FINANCING OF THE PLOT. IN RAYMOND'S OPINION, DUVALIER WILL TAKE NO ACTION UNTIL THE INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETE.
- 5. CONCERNING THE MILITARY TRIBUKAL WHICH WAS CONVENED IN EARLY MARCH 1971, RAYMOND SAID THAT THE TRIAL WAS SIMPLY

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PROSPECTIVE RELEASE OF REMAINING POLITICAL
PRISONERS ARRESTED IN APRIL 1970 FOR
ALLEGEDLY PLOTTING AGAINST GOVERNMENT

1. ACCORDING TO A HIGH-RANKING OFFICER IN THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD, THE THREE REMAINING POLITICAL PRISONERS ARRESTED IN APRIL 1970 ON CHARGES OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT PLOTTING, WILL BE AMNESTIED ON 22 SEPTEMBER 1970, THE ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER'S ELECTION AS PRESIDENT FOR LIFE.

(HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: REPORTED THE RELEASE

OF THE OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS ARRESTED IN APRIL AND MAY 1970.)

THE PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED IN SEPTEMBER ARE COL. KESNER

BLAIN, FORMER QUARTERMASTER OF THE ARMED FORCES: CLEMARD

JOSEPH CHARLES, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF

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HAITI; AND EDMOND PIERRE-PAUL, FORMER CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE HAITIAN SUPREME COURT. ALL THREE MEN, CURRENTLY CONFINED IN THE NATIONAL PENITENTIARY, ARE IN POOR STATE OF HEALTH.

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SUBJECT RELEASE OF HAITIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS

ARRESTED BETWEEN EARLY APRIL AND LATE MAY 1970 FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT PLOTTING OF COL. KESNER B L A I N, FORMER QUARTERMASTER OF THE HAITIAN ARMED FORCES, AND COL. OCTAVE C A Y A R D, FORMER COMMANDER OF THE HAITIAN COAST GUARD, HAD BEEN RELEASED. BY 7 AUGUST 1970, AN ADDITIONAL MINETEEN PRISONERS WERE RELEASED, MAKING A TOTAL OF 59. AMONG THE PRISONERS RELEASED WERE FRITZ T H E B A U D, FORMER SECRETARY OF FINANCE; VOLVICK C A Y A R D, FORMER DEPUTY AND BROTHER OF COL. CAYARD; MAX P I E R E E - P A U L, FORMER

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MME. CLEMARD JOSEPH C H A R L E S; MME. CLEMENCEAU

P R O S P E R AND HER DAUGHTER MARYSE; AND ALL OF THE

DETECTIVES OF THE PORT AU PRINCE POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO HAD

BEEN ARRESTED.

- 2. AS OF 11 AUGUST 1970, THE ONLY PERSONS STILL BELIEVED
 TO BE UNDER ARREST ARE CLEMARD JOSEPH C H A R L E S, PRESIDENT
 OF THE CONVERTIL BANK OF HAITI; COL. BLAIN; EDMOND P I E R R E P A U L, FORMER CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE HAITIAN SUPREME COURT;
 AND A COUSIN OF CLEMENCEAU PROSPER. OF THE PERSONS ARRESTED
 IN THIS CONNECTION, ONLY TWO, CITE D O U G E AND LEON
 B O R D E S ARE DEAD. BOTH DIED AS A RESULT OF HISTREATMENT
 WHILE IN PRISON.
- 3. (SOURCE COMMENT: SEVERAL OF THE FORMER PRISONERS, INCLUDING THERAUD, MME. PROSPER, AND PIERRE-PAUL, HAVE BEEN SEEN ON THE STREETS OF PORT AU PRINCE SINCE THEIR RELEASE.

 ALL OF THE FORMER PRISONERS ENCOUNTERED THUS FAR HAVE EXPRESSED ASTONISHMENT AT THEIR HAVING BEEN RELEASED AND ARE UNABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE UNEXPECTEDLY LENIENT TREATMENT THEY RECEIVED.

 ONE UNSUBSTANTIATED RUMOR CIRCULATING AROUND PORT AU PRINCE HAS IT THAT THEIR RELEASE WAS THE RESULT OF PRESSURE EXERTED ON THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES.)
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2. DENUNCIATION OF COL. OCTAVE CATARD, COMMANDER OF COAST GUARD, BY LUCKNER CAMBRONNE, DEPUTY FROM ARCAHAIE

- 1. ONE OF THE SOLDIERS AT THE DESSALINES BARRACKS WHO IS GUARDING COL. KESNER B L A I N, QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMED FORCES, AND CLEMARD JOSEPH C H A R L E S, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF HAITI, WHO WERE ARRESTED IN EARLY APRIL 1970 FOR ALLEGED ANTI-GOVERNMENT PLOTTING, SAIE THAT BOTH MEN STILL WERE ALIVE AS OF 30 APRIL. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: TDCS-314/03869-70 REPORTED THE ARRESTS OF BLAIN AND CHARLES.)
- 2. ACCORDING TO A SOLDIER AT THE NATIONAL PALACE, COL.

 OCTAVE C A Y A R D, COMMANDER OF THE COAST GUARD, WAS SUMMONED
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3. FIELD DISSEN: STATE, DEFATT, CINCSO, CINCLANT. (ALSO SENT SANTO DONINGO)

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HAITI, PORT AU PRINCE (10 APRIL 1970) FIELD NO. HTP-1379

1. ACCORDING TO DR. JACQUES FOURCAND, ONE OF THE PERSONAL PHYSICIANS TO PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER, DUVALIER WAS INFORMED OF THE RECENT ANTI-GOVERNMENT PLOT, WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY LED TO SEVERAL ARRESTS OF SUSPECTED PLOTTERS, BY CLEMARD JOSEPH CHARLES, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF HAITI. CHARLES DENOUNCED THE PLOT TO DUVALIER WHEN HE REALIZED HE HAD BEEN "DOUBLE-CROSSED" BY COL. KESNER B L A I N. QUARTERNASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMED FORCES, WHO HAD PROMISED TO MAKE CHARLES PRESIDENT OF HAITI IN RETURN FOR \$100,000 TO FINANCE

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A REVOLT AGAINST DUVALIER. CHARLES ALSO HAD REFUSED TO

GIVE THE MONEY TO BLAIN. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOURCE

DID NOT INDICATE HOW BLAIN HAD "DOUBLE-CROSSED" CHARLES, CHARLES

WAS REPORTED IN OCTOBER 1969 TO BE FINANCING A PLOT EXIST

HEADED BY COL. OCTAVE C A Y A R D, COMMANDER OF THE COAST GUARD.

REPORTED ANOTHER PLOT AGAINST THE DUVALIER GOVERNMENT BEING HEADED BY BLAIN. CHARLES, HOWEVER, WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THIS REPORT AS BEING INVOLVED IN BLAIN'S PLOT.)

2. FOURCAND SAID THE INQUIRY IS CONTINUING. HE SAID THAT
HE WOULD DEFEND THE PRISONERS AND ADDED THAT NO ONE WOULD BE SHOT
AS HAD HAPPENED BEFORE. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: FOURCAND PROBABLY
IS REFERRING TO A SIMILAR PURGE OF SUSPECTED PLOTTERS AGAINST THE
GOVERNMENT CARRIED OUT BY DUVALUER IN HID-1967, WHICH RESULTED
IN THE EXECUTION OF 19 ARMY OFFICERS.) (FIELD COMMENT:

REPORTED THAT FOURCAND IS

A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION INTERROGATING BLAIN AND THE OTHER PERSONS ARRESTED DURING THE WEEK OF 1 APRIL 1970.)

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- 2. CURRENT BOX SCORE OF DETAINEES COMPRISES BLAIN,
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  APOLLO GARNIER. ALPHONSE LAHENS STILL AT LARGE AND
  REPORTEDLY UNSUCCESSFUL IN SEEKING ASYLUM AT VARIOUS LATIN
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  CONSTANTIN DUPLESSIS HAS BEEN RELEASED.
- 3. WO HARD INFO AND LITTLE INFORMED SPECULATION
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EVMENDS LAST DECEMBER IF HE ENVISIONED SOME ROLE FOR THEM.

4. OUR TENTATIVE JUDGEMENT AT THIS POINT IS THAT PLOT, IF ONE EXISTED, STILL VERY MUCH IN TALKING STAGE AND THAT ARRESTS PROMPTED MORE BY INDISCREET TALK BY BLAIN, CHARLES, ET AL WHO NOTORICUSLY VOLUBLE THAN REAL CAPABILITY FOR ACTION. ALSO BY FACT THAT GOVT HAD NOT TAKEN DECISIVE ACTION OF THIS SORT FOR SOME TIME AND DUVALTER MAY HAVE CONCLUDED THAT TIME RIPE TO REMIND DISSIDENTS THAT HE STILL IN SADDLE.

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REFERENCE: Your request this subject

Following our receipt of information that Clemard-Joseph Charles had taken a list of requirements into the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince and asked help in filling them, WH Division sent a memorandum on 19 August 1969 to the Chief, DCS, asking that DCS's contact with Louis A. Brun (from whom Charles had received the requirements) be terminated.

The DCS New York office on 29 August 1969 sent a memorandum to Chief, DCS, which reviewed the case, noted Brun had been guilty of sloppy security, and concluded that no further requirements would be given him. This memorandum did not, however, say that contact would be terminated; in fact, it said they would continue to debrief Brun whenever he returned from a trip to Haiti. This memorandum was sent to Port-au-Prince (HTPW-1347, 17 Sept 1969).

The Station replied (Port-au-Prince 6496, 11 Oct 69) that this was not enough, that the contact should be completely severed. WH/Branch 7 officers then met with Mr. George Musulin of DCS to discuss the matter further, WH/7 officers maintaining that there was more political action hazard to this contact than the FI product justified. Musulin agreed to raise the matter with C/DCS. The result was a menorandum on 16 October 1969 from C/DCS to C/WHD which referred to the original WHD memorandum of 19 August and advised that contact with Brun has been terminated. Port-au-Prince was so informed (DIR 48277, 21 Oct 69).

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1. ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC DATE HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE ACTION, COL. OCTAVE C A Y A R D, COMMANDER OF THE COAST GUARD, GEN.

GERARD C O N S T A N T, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES, AND COL. GRACIA J A C Q U E S, COMMANDER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD, ARE LAYING PLANS TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT FRANCOIS

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- 2. IN THE ORIGINAL PLAN, THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD WAS REGARDED AS A MAJOR OBSTACLE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PLAN AND, THEREFORE, CAYARD AND CONSTANT AGREED TO INCLUDE JACQUES IN THE JUNTA ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WAS A NECESSARY EVIL. CAYARD'S ONLY CONTACT WITH JACQUES, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN INDIRECTLY THROUGH CAPTAIN THOM AS (FNU). (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THOMAS PROBABLY IS IDENTICAL WITH MAJOR JEAN THOMAS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD.)
- 3. BESIDES THE ASSISTANCE THE PLOTTERS HAVE OBTAINED FROM INSIDE HAITI, THEY ALSO ARE SEEKING SUPPORT FROM HAITIAN EXILES WHO ACTIVELY OPPOSE THE DUVALIER REGINE.
- 4. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: IN MID-MAY 1969, A MILITARY JUNTA, WHICH INCLUDED CAYARD AND CONSTANT, WAS BEING FORMED TO OVERTHROW THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT. AT THAT TIME. IT WAS NOT CLEAR IF THE GROUP HAD ACTUALLY APPROACHED JACQUES, BUT IT WAS THOUGHT THAT AS COMMANDER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD, HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

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- 2. DIFFICULT AT THIS STACE TO DETERMINE DECREE (IF ANY) CHARLES IFVOLVED IN PLOT. THERE GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT CHARLES HAS ONLY HEARD OF PLOT AND ATTEMPTING TO ACT AS BROKER BETWEEN PLOTTERS AND U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR OWN INTERESTS. IN HID-67, CHARLES USED THE ERUH-DCS CHARREL IN ATTEMPT OPTAIN U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR ONE OF HIS PLOTS.
- 3. LAHENS, PHU, MENTIONED IN DCS REPORT PROBABLY
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- 6. UNTIL RECENTLY, THE PLAN OF THIS GROUP WAS TO SIT BACK, WAIT FOR INTERNAL UPERAVALS AND THEN MOVE IN TO ASSUME POWER. THEY DID NOT WANT TO ACT ON THEIR CTM, BUT PREFERRED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AN INTERNAL UPHRAVAL CREATED BY SOMEBODY BLSE.
- 7. THE MOST RECENT RUMOSS CONCERNING PRESIDENT DUVALUER'S HEALTH HAVE, HOWEVER, CAUSTED THE GROUP TO CHANGE ITS HIND.
  THE HERBES NOW DECLARE THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE AND THAT AS SOON AS PRESIDENT DUVALUER "GOES ON THE OPERATING YABLE"
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- 8/ THE GROUP RECOGNIZES, BOWEVER, THAT CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES LIE IN 1TS PATH AND IS MOST ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS THE ENTIRE MATTER IN SECRET WITH A U.S. KNYOY. WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY TO THIS ENYOY IS NOT EXONE.
- 9. THE CHOUP HAS ORGANIZED THE POLLOWING PROCEDURE FOR THE ENVOY TO FOLLOW. PIRST, HE MUST SEED A CABLE TO THE POLLOWING CABLE ADDRESS: ETSLAHAB, PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI.

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. TO : Director, Domestic Contact Service

NY#632-69 DATE:29 August 1969

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FROM : Chief, Hew York Field Office

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Ref: WH/7 Memoranda, 28 May 69, and 19 Aug 69, same subject

1. We have carefully considered WH/7's comments about Louis A. Brun and his relationship with Clemard Joseph Charles. We have concluded that in the matter of the nine questions concerning the activity of foreign companies in Haiti Erun has been guilty at least of sloppy security procedures and have decided to modify our relationship with him.

2. Charles has never doubted that Brun represented a channel to US government authority which he could use to supplement his contacts with members of the US Embassy staff in Port-au-Prince. Brun was originally introduced to DCS in New York City by Charles on 15 Apr 1966 (see memorandum NY-251-66). Until the early fall of 1967, much of our activity with Brun was devoted to arranging contacts with various elements of the US government, which Brun requested on benalf of Charles, and reporting operational information. To the best of our knowledge and belief, however, none of these contacts produced any tangible assistance to Charles's various schemes. With two exceptions, our relationship with Brun since October 1967 has been exclusively that of foreign intelligence collection. The exceptions were Charles's request for a secret meeting with a US envoy in May 1969 and an independent similar request from another group in the same month. As has been fully reported, Brun made it perfectly clear to us and to Charles and to the other group that he was acting only as a channel and that he was not actively involved or interested. We simply transmitted the requests. We wish to point out that what WH/7 calls Brun's "Lobbying" for Charles ended before October 1967. During the nearly two years in which Mitchell has dealt with Brun, the latter has never sponsored or "Lobbied" for Charles's various schemes. He has occasionally relayed information concerning them, but has told us repeatedly that he no longer wishes to be involved politically with Charles.

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- 3. We wish also to point out that Brun, as a regular supplier of foreign intelligence on Haiti, has supplied data which originate with Haitians other than Charles, and, therefore, that Brun is not merely Charles's mouthpiece. Specifically, Louis Leveque and Alfonse Lahens are two of Brun's Haitian sources. Leveque is a well-known Haitian businessman; Lahens is a former deputy.
- 4. We are not concerned with Charles, but are very much so with Brun. We do not believe that Brun is involved in any current revolutionary scheme in Haiti. We are, however, disturbed at the unprofessional way in which Brun handled the questions concerning foreign companies in Haiti. We did not request Brun to consult Charles about the requirements on foreign companies and in view of the manner in which Brun handled our requirements we shall continue only to accept information which he proffers on his return from his frequent trips to Haiti and shall refrain from briefing him. We have requested our DD/I consumers to give us an evaluation of Brun's intelligence reporting. Unless this evaluation is unfavorable, we shall continue to exploit Brun in the manner just described. Insofar as contact between Brun and Charles is concerned, (a) we cannot prevent Brun from talking to Charles (or anybody else) but (b) we have never in the past and shall not in the future request that Brun contact Charles on behalf of DCS.
  - 6. Please pass the foregoing information to Wii/7.

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File: Louis A. Brun, President

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- Opponents of Haitian President Francois <u>Duvalier</u> have formed a new political opposition group. The following are members: Colonel Cayard (Commandant of the Haitian Coast Guard); Captain <u>Daniel</u> (assistant to Cayard); Gerard Constant (Haitian Army Chief of Staff); Colonel Kesner <u>Blain</u> (in charge of Haitian Army quartermaster depots); and Colonel Gracia <u>Jacties</u> (Commandant of the Presidential Palace Guard). See <u>OD-3-321/05913-69</u> (paragraph 2-e) and OD-B-321/15515-69 (paragraph 3) for earlier data concerning some of the members of this group.
- 2. This group is now working with Clemard Joseph Charles and has formulated, largely under the direction of the latter, a tentative political plan for the organization of a post-Davelier Haiti. The group is anxious to act, because some of the members, notably Daniel and Cayard, fear that they will be arrested in the not-too-distant future. The entire membership displays, however, the trait common to all Haitian opposition groups: they will not act until President Davalier dies, becomes totally incapacitated or is overthrown by somebody else. Jacques is an important addition to the group. He is completely loyal to President Davalier, but has no use for the other members of the Davalier family. Consequently, he will play no active part unless the President in some manner disappears from the scene.
- 3. This group still wishes to exercise power during a transitional period following President Duvalier's departure .

  Charles does not want to hold any political appointment during this transition period, but plans to recover his position as the head of the Haitian Chamber of Commerce and travel abroad, to raise money for foreign economic assistance to Haiti.

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b. Reportedly, Charles recently received from the US (no additional data available) the sum of US\$230 thousand. This money is to be used to finance the overthrow of President Duvalier. I cannot confirm the accuracy of this reported gift.

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MEMORANDEM FOR: Director, Desestic Contact Service

SUBJECT: DCS Case 47540 - Contact with Louis A. Brun/Clemard Joseph Charles

- 1. On 29 July 1969, Station Port au Prince advised that Clemard Joseph Charles had passed a list of nine questions concerning the Haitian economy to an official of the United States Embassy in Port au Prince. The list of questions was written in English in standard U.S. Government format and, although sterile, appeared to be intelligence requirements. Charles told the Embassy official that he had just finished a "big job" for the Pentagon and implied that the list also came from the Pentagon. The Embassy official suspected that Charles had passed a copy of the list to the National Palace.
- 2. On 2 August, a representative of the WH/Haiti
  Desk contacted Mr. George Musulin, Operational Support
  Staff of DCS, and learned that the DCS office in New York
  had briefed Mr. Louis A. Brun and had orally passed a
  list of CIRL requirements to Brun concerning Haiti prior
  to his trip to Haiti during the week of 21 July.
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REFERENCES: A. DIRECTOR 26288 dated 1 August 1969

B. HTPA-2443 dated 29 July 1969

ACTION REQUIRED: See Paragraph 5.

1. The Station would like to offer its views on the WCDISH contact, through Identity of Paragraph 1 Reference A (hereinatter IDEN), with 201-357029, as well as the question of the requirements which 201-357029 gave LNPURE and which were forwarded to Headquarters in Reference B.

- 2. Since IDEN has been told that his contact is with LNSHOE and since he has told 201-357029 that fact, and since 201-357029 has apparently, in his mind at least, converted that fact into contact with RVROCK, and has probably spread both stories with his associates and thereby throughout the local milieu, we have, in effect, a dangerous security situation. When we consider that the LNPURE receives all the information that 201-357029 gives IDEN anyway, and most of the time receives the information directly from 201-357029, then we have an operation that is difficult to justify.
- 3. In the case of the requirements forwarded with Reference B, we have a situation in which WODISH levied requirements on 201-357029, through IDEN. 201-357029 then turned those requirements over to LNPURE which returned them via 201-357029 and IDEN to WODISH. Why not cut out the middleman and the security complications, and save the headaches?
- 4. The Station teels that the WCDISH handling of 201-357029 results in a case that has the potential of causing severe problems for AKULE, and that it could well be that AKULE will be made to bear the blame since elements within RVROCK might feel that the ultimate responsibility for supervision of the case lies with AKULE.

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5. We would appreciate obtaining Headquarters' views on our thoughts as expressed above as well as on what seems to be a contradiction between Reference A, paragraph 2 and the evidence presented in Reference B Attachment. It appears unlikely to us that IDEN could have typed the Attachment.

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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF CLEWARD JOSEPH CHAFLES

Chief. Domestic Contact Service MEMORANDAM FOR

DCS Case 47540 - Contact with Louis A. SUBJECT Brun/Clessrd Joseph Charles

- On 29 July 1969, Station Port au Prince advised that Clemard Joseph Charles had passed a list of nine questions concerning the Haitian economy to an official of the United States Embassy in Port au Prince. of questions was written in English in standard 5.8. Government format and, although sterile, appeared to be intelligence requirements. Charles told the Embassy official that he had just finished a "big job" for the Pentagon and implied that the list also came from the Pentagon The Embassy official suspected that Charles had passed a copy of the list to the National Palace.
- 2. On 2 August, a representative of the WH/Haiti Desk contacted Mr. George Musulin, Operational Support Staff of DCS, and learned that the DCS office in New York had briefed Kr. Louis A. Frum and had orally passed a list of CIRL requirements to Erun concerning Haiti prior to his trip to Baiti during the week of 21 July. Mr. Musulin speculated that Brum had probably noted the DCS requirements on maper and then had passed a copy to Charles upon his arrival in Raiti.
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MINORANDUM FOR : Director, Domestic Contact Service

Operational Support Staff

ATTESTION : Mr. George S. Musulin

SUBJECT: DCS Case 47540 - Request by Baltian Opposition Group for Secret Interview

with U.S. Official

1. This memorandum will serve to confirm the telephone conversations between your office and the Chief of the Haiti Desk on 15 and 27 May 1969 concerning the request made through Mr. Louis A. Brun on the above subject. During these conversations, your office was advised that the WH Division has no interest in contacting any representative or member of the plotting group.

- 2. The VH Division considers Clemard Joseph Charles to be a perennial anti-Davalier plotter in Port au Prince with little means or following to carry out his anti-government designs. During the week of 11 May 1969, Charles approached the Embassy in Port au Prince with basically the same information as relayed to the DCS office in New York by Mr. Brun. The only difference was that be did not request that a U.S. Government official make contact with the intermal group, but rather that the Embassy provide some assurance that the U.S. Government would look benevoleatly on the group once the coup was launched. The Embassy replied that the U.S. Government had a firm policy not to intervene in such matters and that no such assurance could be expected.
- 3. Since 1967, Charles has made similar overtures to the U.S. Government for support of his anti-government plans. When reviewing these approaches, there has always been some doubt as to the accuracy of the information that Charles (or Brun) has furnished. While it was accepted that Charles was actually plotting against Duvalier, it could never be determined if he was actually a member of the plotting group, which usually included sembers of the Haitian Army, or if Charles had simply become aware of an anti-Duvalier plot and was trying to act as a broker between the plotters and the

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- 5. As was mentioned in the VE/7 memorandum dated 16 July 1968, we do not interpose any objection to DCS maintaining contact with Erun for its own purposes. However, we lest that in the interests of security and also in conformance with U.S. policy, that Erun should clearly understand that we have no interest in establishing contact with any number of the internal group through his channel and further that the U.S. Government has no interest in becoming involved in any nationalier activities.

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- 1. As part of his effort to obtain foreign exchange, Haiti's President Dovalier has decided to award a gembling concession. A US syndicate, consisting of a New York City firm, Negrote Associates, and of Count Michel Levitch, Bishop of the American Cribodox Church, has been trying to obtain the concession. Collector's Note: see reference for additional details. 7.
- The Rishop has severed his connections with Keynote, which bombarded President Davalier with telegrams and made an unannounced trip to Baiti to obtain the concession.
- 3. However , Maynote received a telegram from Antonic Andre, Director of the Bank of the Republic of Faiti. This message informed them that they would not receive the concession. President Duvalier relies very heavily upon Amiré for advice and guidance in economic
- . Almost at the same time that Keynote received André's telegrem, Cleard Joseph-Tranles notified the History that he would receive the concession on the following terms:
  - A new group of associates of the Bishop will receive 80 percent of the gross receipts from the concession.
  - b. The Government of Emiti will receive 10 percent of the gross receipts.
  - The Bishop and his chief partner will receive five percent of the gross receipts.

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- d. The remaining five percent of the gross receipts will be used by the Rishop, reportedly under Faitian supervision, # to begin construction of schools and child care centers in Faiti. These schools and centers will be under the suspices of the American Orthodox Church.
- 5. Joseph-Charles's suthorship of the telegrem which virtually promised the concession to the new group indicates that his furtures may be on the mend. He certainly could never have sent such a message without the approval of President Duvalier. That he was permitted to send it indicates that the President may be beginning to look upon him more favorably than he has done in the recent past.

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- 1. During recent weeks, the fortunes of Clemard Joseph-Charles seem to have improved. He has been playing a not unimportant role in the sward of the Haitian gambling concersion [Collector's Note: see reference.], an activity which is designed to bring to Haiti some badly-needed foreign exchange. Although I do not believe that he sees President Davelier as frequently as he used to prior to his incarceration, he does seem to have recovered some of the confidence which the President used to repose in him.
- 2. One reason for President Duvalier's dislike of Charles (and one possible reason why the President eventually threw him in jail) is that Charles was instrumental in bringing about the marriage of the President's daughter, Marie-Denise Duvalier, to Colonel Hax Dominique. Charles and Parie-Denise have been close friends for many years. Parie-Denise became pregnant by Dominique and went to Charles for help. Charles then intervened with President Davalier, who was furious, and persuaded him to agree to the marriage. The President was bitterly angry at Dominique and somewhat unjustly blaned distres for the marriage. He agreed to the necessity for the wedding, but resented his new son-in-law and, by association, so to speak, resented Charles. The President and Dominique have formally reconciled. The President met Colonel Dominique at the sirport, when the latter returned to Haiti, and made a point of inviting his son-in-law to ride in the presidential limousine from the airport to the palace. The purpose was to demonstrate the burial of old gruizes. It remains to be seen, however, whether or not the reconciliation was genuine and whether or not the President has really forgiven his son-in-law.

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Luc-Albert Forcard, Haitian Minister of Tourism, is now in political, if not personal, eclipse. He no longer goes to his office. The New York City manager of the Haitian Tourist Bureau, Jean Sorel, is in Haiti and is acting in Foucard's steed. Ramah Theodore, Deputy Director of Tourism, is amiable and is a friend of President Duvalier. He is, however, of little stature and is not capable of doing anything more than the routine daily chores of the office. Fourard cannot afford to call attention to himself, because he is fearful for the physical safety of his sister, Medame Saint-Victor. President Davalier recently dismissed her as his personal secretary and replaced her with his daughter, wife of Colonel Max Dominique. Since then, rumors have abounced that Maderne Seint-Victor may be marked for physical liquidation /Collector's Note: see reference. 7. Whether or not these rumors have any foundation in fact, there is no doubt that the members of the Foucard family (i e, Luc-Albert, Madame Saint-7ictor and their sister, Madame Bella Foucard Poitvien) have all made themselves as inconspicuous as possible. The President's change in secretaries has led to a diminution of the power and influence of the Foucard clan.

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### UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Director, Domestic Contact Service

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DATE: 24 December 1968

FROM : Chief, Friladelphia Office

SUBJECT: Letters From Clemard Charles, Haiti, to US Officials and Businessmen

Ref :

1. Attached for your information are letters from Clemard Joseph Charles addressed to Vice President Eubert H. Humphrey and President-elect Richard Mixon. These letters were received in person from Charles, in Haiti, by Donald E. Rowe, source of reference, and brought to the US by the latter. The letters have not been delivered as of this date. Rove plans to ask the New Jersey Third District Member of the US House of Representatives to deliver them.

2. In addition to the correspondence referred to above, Rove also received letters of introduction from Charles to:

> Howard L. Burris (believed to be a lawyer) Suite 101, RCA Building 1725 K. Street, H.W. Washington, D.C. 20006

Mr. A. H. Incledon, Vice President J. G. White Engineering Corp. 80 Broad Street New York, N. Y. 10004

Monsieur Albert J. Krieger (believed to be an accountant and business acquaintance of Charles) 401 Broadway New York, N. Y. 10013

Mr. Herman Albert Miller (an accountant) 230 W. 41st Street New York, N. Y. 10036

Mr. N. V. Rosello (an old friend and very reliable acquaintance of Charles) Export Credit Western Hemisphere Corp. 477 Madison Avenue New York, N. Y. 10022

The accressees are individuals from whom Charles is seeking financial assistance.

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BAATTE COMMERCIALE D'HAITI

Lo Gresident

Port-cu-Prince, le 8 Novembre 1963

### Excellence,

Vous n'ignores pes l'intérêt avec lequel j'ai suivi les étapes de la campagne électorale qui devait aboutir au Tricapie de votre Campétiteur Républicain aux élections présidentielles Aséricaines.

Your le cavee, à n'on pus douter, que j'ai nouheité de tout coour Votre propre Tricaphe. Je le croyaus irrésistible.

Tous eves fait do votre mieux, mais Vous eves pordu.

Que pouvier-lous faire? Les espes sontent qu'il y a qualque choes qu'on no pout écurter par des nots ou des votes - une estature qui enserre le nonde.

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Cortes, pour attoindre l'objet de vos aspirations, Your Your Stor hourts à des bornes innumbles. Your Your Stor chilemé de l'espoir de bousculer les faits et les hourss.

Après maintes expériences Yous convenes que dopuis le départ la victoire constituait pratiquement une papeure, et qu'il felleit commencer plus tôts c'est dire que le mende est régi par des lois.

Faintenant que le rideau est tiré, le prende plaisir à formuler des voeux pour que se maintienne intact le courage regnifique dont Vous avez feit prouve tout au long de Votre empagne électers-

Je main, pour répétor le Président JOHNES, que "Vous continueres à servir l'Anérique aussi langtamps que Vous vivros". 4-00000

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Le Trésident

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Jo Your pris, Excellence, de receveir l'expression de mes harmiges respectueux, et en mine temps your accurre de mes sentiments inde-fectibles d'attachement et d'admiration.

Clémas Jusera Cuplus, P.I.B.A.

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L'HOMOLAHE HORIT H. HEPHET VICZ-PLENIDAT DIS SAME-DHE D'AMMIJUR TACHHOTER, D.C.

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Lo Grésident

Port-cu-Prince, le 8 fevenbre 1963

Konsieur lo Président Elu,

J'ai cuivi, come tous les initiens d'ailleurs, les élections précidentielles inéricaines qui constituent toujeurs un événement international de première importance.

in offet, le londe entier a enregiatré les différentes places de la campagne électorale qui devoit aboutir à Votre lrénement à la Présidence des State-Unis d'Inérique.

Un vent de renouveau conffle sur l'Amérique consciente de Sa ferce et de Sen rayannement dans le Rende.

Vous jouissez, Lonsieur le Prisident Elu, d'un prestige incontecté.

Jo suis done certain que, sous Votro Administration, les Etate-Unis d'Amérique, avec le prestigs que lui donnent Son passé inco-parable et les grandes ressources tant humaines qu'économiques, souront reuplir sa vocation de Lendership du Londe libre et la place de presier plan parai les autres l'ations du élebe qui compirent ardement après un monde pasifique et plus humaine.

C'est le nouhait que jo forme à l'occasion de Votre Triespue eux élections présidentielles Américaines.

Ja Yous prie de recevoir, Fonsiour le Frésident Ilu, ses voeux sincères pour Votre Bonhaur perconnel et la prespérité du peuple Américain.

Cloud Joseph Operius, P.J. Bail

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