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**SUBJECT: Alleged Plans of General Leon Cantave to Invade
Haiti with the Support of the Dominican Army**

1. General Cantave, under closest secrecy agreement, has revealed plans for the invasion of Haiti from the Dominican Republic, which he intends to lead as military commander.

2. Cantave claims to have the backing of Dominican General Vinas Roman, who he alleges has furnished him a training camp for Haitian volunteers at San Cristobal, Dominican Republic, which will accommodate three hundred men. Arms and ammunition have been supplied for training purposes. The camp is allegedly under strict Dominican army control and is patrolled constantly to prevent contact with, or from, the outside. He reports that one hundred and fifty men are in the camp at present and the number will be increased to two hundred. On 27 June, Vinas Roman personally promised Cantave arms and ammunition for two hundred men to cross the border.

3. Cantave plans to strike at Ouanaminthe and proceed to Cap Haitien. He claims support of the Dominican army commanders in the border area, with whom he has been in personal contact, and of Haitian military and civilian elements between Ouanaminthe and Cap Haitien. He claims to be in contact with Colonel Pierre Paret, military commander at Cap Haitien, with whom detailed plans have been made for Cantave's take-over of the city.

4. Cantave asserts he plans an air strike at the Palace in Port-au-Prince at the hour of the border crossing. He claims to have two suitable aircraft available and one experienced pilot. He further claims landing and refueling privileges in the Dominican Republic have been assured him by Vinas Roman.

5. Although he has not seen President Bosch since April, Cantave believes he is fully aware of the plans. He bases his belief on the fact that one Martinez, who

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he alleges is close to Bosch as a legal adviser, called him late on 21 June to say Bosch had said Cantave would be given his camp on 22 June. On 22 June, Vinas Roman allegedly confirmed it.

6. Cantave is thinking in terms of the invasion being mounted in about two weeks' time, although he has not yet set a date.

7. The inconsistencies and discrepancies between this account by General Cantave and that which has been reported from the Dominican Republic are now being checked.

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