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COUNTRY HAITI/DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT ACTIVITY OF LOUIS DEJOIE, HAITIAN EXILE LEADER, AND OTHER EXILE GROUPS

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1. LOUIS DEJOIE, LEADER OF ONE OF THE HAITIAN EXILE GROUPS, SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW IN ADVANCE ABOUT CANTAVE'S PLANS FOR AN ARMED ENTRY INTO HAITI. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE IS CONVINCED THAT CANTAVE'S WHOLE OPERATION HAD THE ACQUIESCENCE AND APPROVAL OF BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND PRESIDENT JUAN BOSCH.

2. DEJOIE'S PERSONAL VIEWS WERE HOSTILE TOWARD CANTAVE. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: [REDACTED], DATED 6 AUGUST 1963, REPORTED THAT DEJOIE SAID HE INTENDED TO ISSUE A GENERAL STATEMENT OF SUPPORT OF CANTAVE'S INVASION OF HAITI.) DEJOIE SAID

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THAT THE SITUATION HAD CHANGED SINCE THE END OF JULY; THEN THE CHANCES OF GETTING ARMS NEVER LOOKED BRIGHTER, AS HE HAD BEEN ASSURED ARMS THROUGH TWO SOURCES: GENERAL VICTOR ELBY VINAS ROMAN, DOMINICAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE, AND GENERAL AMANTIA (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: PROBABLY GENERAL LUIS AMIAMA TIO).

NOW THE OAS HUE AND CRY HAS PUT BOSCH AND THE DOMINICAN MILITARY IN A "WAIT-AND-SEE" POSITION. AT TIMES DEJOIE SEEMED DEMORALIZED, FRUSTRATED, AND WITHOUT A CLEAR POSITION REGARDING HIS OWN MEN.

3. ACCORDING TO DEJOIE, HE IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO RAISE THE ARMS HE NEEDS BY PRIVATE ARRANGEMENT. HE IS DEVELOPING CONTACTS WITH THE FOLLOWING IN SANTO DOMINGO: A RETIRED DOMINICAN ARMY OFFICER, IDENTIFIED AS GENERAL APAYAT (PHONETIC) (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THIS COULD BE A MEMBER OF THE PROMINENT ESPAILLAT FAMILY IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC); A LEBANESE BUSINESSMAN WHO WORKS ON ARMY CONTRACTS IDENTIFIED AS ANTUN, WHO HAD COUNTED ON THE SUPPORT OF HIS CLOSE FRIEND GENERAL BELISARIO (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: MAY BE GEN. BELISARIO PEGUERO GUERRERO, HEAD OF THE DOMINICAN NATIONAL POLICE ) FOR THE ARMS FOR DEJOIE, BUT BELISARIO HAS SAID THE HE WILL NOT DO ANYTHING NOW; HUGO MATEO, THE COLT COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - MATEO IS ALSO A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REDEX COMPANY, 1420 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.; POLITICAL CONTACTS INCLUDE

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SENATOR MORAS (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: MAY BE DR. OCIADES MORA OVIEDO, PRD SENATOR FROM ELIAS PINA), SENATOR MELIA (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: MAY BE DR. JESUS MARIA MELIA, PRD SENATOR FROM AZUA), AND SENATOR TELMA FRIA (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: SENATOR THELMA FRIAS DE RODRIGUEZ IS PRD SENATOR FOR THE NATIONAL DISTRICT); BUSINESS CONTACTS ARE DIAZ BORDHAS (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: MAY BE DIEGO EMILIO BORDAS, WHO IS FORMER MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE IN THE BOSCH CABINET) AND BERNARDO FLORES, WHO WAS FORMERLY A VENEZUELAN DIPLOMAT IN THE NEAR EAST. HE IS DIRECTOR OF THE HOTEL HISPANIOLA AND IS CONNECTED WITH THE EASTERN COMMERCIAL BANK IN BEIRUT, LEBANON. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: BERNARDO FLORES, A VENEZUELAN, IS CLOSE TO BOSCH.)

4. DEJOIE SAID THAT HE HAS HAD GENERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH JACQUES CASSAGNOL AND HENRI CLERMONT, AND HE HAS PROJECTED TWO POSSIBLE LINES OF ACTION:

(A) TO TAKE OVER THE PINE FOREST AREA IN THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER ZONE. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO TAKE IT WITH 75-100 MEN AND STAY THERE UNTIL THE PORT-AU-PRINCE SITUATION DISINTEGRATES;

(B) IF THERE IS A LARGER NUMBER OF MEN, COMBINE (A) WITH AN ENTRY ON THE COAST OF THE SOUTHERN PENINSULA. THE MEN WOULD BE ASSEMBLED ON SAONA ISLAND TO GUARANTEE SECRECY AND COORDINATE THE ACTION WITH A SMALL PLANE WHICH WOULD DROP

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LEAFLETS AND BOMB THE PALACE IN PORT-AU-PRINCE.

5. DEJOIE HAD BEEN HOLDING A GROUP OF ABOUT 30 MEN TOGETHER IN A HOUSE IN A SANTO DOMINGO SLUM AREA, BUT HE DID NOT HAVE ANY KIND OF MILITARY ORGANIZATION. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIS POLICY HAS BEEN TO LET THE VARIOUS EXILE GROUPS EXHAUST THEMSELVES IN DISCUSSION AND THEN, HAVING THE REQUISITE MONEY, TO BRING THEM TOGETHER INTO A SINGLE GROUP. IN THIS WAY, DEJOIE HAS AVOIDED A SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT. HE HAS PREFERRED TO GIVE MONEY IN SMALL AMOUNTS TO RELIEVE INDIVIDUAL HARDSHIP RATHER THAN TO UNDERWRITE A GROUP UNDERTAKING.

6. ON 11 AUGUST A LARGE PART OF DEJOIE'S THIRTY-MAN GROUP, LED BY SERGEANT BOISE (FNU), WENT OVER TO THE CLERMONT BROTHERS' CAMP, WHICH IS A TENTED AREA IN THE WOODS IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE AIRPORT. ON 12 AUGUST DEJOIE AND CLERMONT REVIEWED DETAILS OF A UNIFICATION AGREEMENT, AND DEJOIE'S WHOLE GROUP MOVED INTO CLERMONT'S CAMP. DEJOIE AGREED TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR CLOTHING, FOOD, AND OTHER EXPENSES. AS OF 15 AUGUST DEJOIE WAS TRYING TO FACE UP TO OPERATING AND FINANCING A CAMP OF HIS OWN.

7. THE STATUS OF THE FORCES FOLLOWS: THE CASSAGNOL GROUP, WHICH IS NOW DISBANDED, HAS APPROXIMATELY 75 MEN STILL IN THE AREA; CLERMONT'S GROUP HAS APPROXIMATELY 75 MEN; DEJOIE'S GROUP

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HAS APPROXIMATELY 30 MEN. DEJOIE BELIEVES THIS COULD BE RAISED  
TO 400 USING HAITIAN REFUGEES IN SANTO DOMINGO.

8. FIELD DISSEM: STATE, ARMY (PORT AU PRINCE AND SANTO  
DOMINGO) CINCLANT, CINCSO.

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