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EMBTel 530.

REASON OR REASONS FOR TRUJILLOS SUDDEN REVERSAL HIS ACKNOWLEDGED POLICY POSITION "DEFENSIVE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST CUBA OR ANY OTHER NATION GIVING AID TO REBELS" (EMBTel 497) AND FOREIGN MINISTERS PERSONAL BELIEF THAT EVEN THIRD INVASION WAR BETWEEN CUBA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WAS INEVITABLE (EMBTel 529), IS YET MATTER EMBASSY SPECULATION. FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL LIST SPECULATIVE POSSIBILITIES:

A. ON ASSUMPTION STATEMENT IS RUSE:

(1) EMULATING CASTROS POLICY LOUDLY DENOUNCING ANY INVASION ATTEMPT EMANATING FROM CUBA AND DENYING SAME DEVELOPED WITHOUT GOVERNMENT PERMISSION AFTER IT LAUNCHED.

(2) MAY BE MOVE FORSTALL ACTION PART US CREATE SITUATION (THROUGH OAS OR OTHERWISE) IN WHICH ATTACK COULD NOT BE INSTITUTED. ON ASSUMPTION POSSIBILITY DIPLOMATIC LEAK MOVE MAY BE EFFORT ATTEMPT LULL CASTRO INTO SENSE SECURITY PRIOR ACTUAL ATTACK.

B. ON ASSUMPTION IS FACT:

(1) TRUJILLO MAY REALIZE COST MILITARY OPERATIONS HIGH IN PERIOD DECREASING NATIONAL AFFLUENCE AND CHANGE SUCCESS IN CUBA AS LIGHT.

(2) HEAVY LOSSES DOMINICAN ARMY ESTIMATED HIGH AS FIFTEEN TO ONE (EMBTel 529) AND REVAMP ARMY ALONG GUERRILLA TYPE WARFARE MAY HAVE CHANGED TRUJILLOS TIMING.

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(3) ENERGETIC US GOVERNMENT REACTION HERE AND IN WASHINGTON TO VENTURA AFFAIR, SS FLORIDA STATE AND US AIRCRAFT C-47 MAY HAVE CAUSED POLICY CHANGE.

(4) GODR ANTICIPATING CUBAN ATTACK ON HAITI AND VIA HAITI ON DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. TRUJILLO MAY DESIRE USE CUBANS THIS CAMPAIGN WHO THEN COULD LEAVE HAITI FOR CUBA (EMBTTEL 535).

(5) TRUJILLO CONSIDERING IDEA ANSWERING CUBAN CHARGES IN OAS (EMBTTEL 531) AND DOES NOT WISH HIS CASE MARRED BY CHARGES PLOTTING WITH CUBAN EXILES AGAINST GOC.

(6) IN VIEW EMBASSY KNOWLEDGE RECENT CONTACTS BATISTA AIDES WITH GENERAL PEDRAZA, POSSIBILITY BATISTAS PESSIMISM RE PROSPECTS DOMINICAN LAUNCHED OPERATION HAS INFLUENCED EXILE THINKING AND ACTED AS DETERRENT.

(7) EMBASSY REPRESENTATIONS DESIGNED DISCOURAGE TRUJILLO FROM ATTACK UPON CUBA MAY HAVE HAD DESIRED EFFECT (EMBTTEL 515).

YESTERDAY IN CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER I WAS ADVISED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT HE STRONGLY APPLAUDED TRUJILLOS POLICY PROHIBITING LAUNCHING ATTACK AGAINST CUBA AS DEFENSIVE MEASURE. HE INDICATED HE HAD OPPOSED POLICY SET FORTH EMBTEL 49 AND BELIEVED NEW POLICY PLACED GODR IN STRONG POSITION INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY.

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