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TO : CRB - Mr. Walker
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DATE: January 12, 1948

FROM : CRB - Mr. Mackay

SUBJECT: Frustrated Plot to Invade Dominican Republic, Summer 1947;
Embassy Habana's Recapitulation of Information.

The Embassy has subsumed all its available information on this subject in the attached omnibus despatch under the following headings: (1) Personnel; (2) Ships; (3) Planes; and (4) Arms and Ammunition.

Of particular interest in connection with current reports of other organized attempts to overthrow Trujillo's regime, is the complete alphabetical list of those revolutionaries arrested by the Cuban Army last September. Although sentence against 26 leaders of this revolutionary attempt has been recently stayed by the Urgency Court, the continued possession of the confiscated vessels, arms and ammunition by the Cuban Army has, as the Embassy points out, served as a deterrent to the constant threat to domestic peace and order which this materiel, in clandestine circulation, would pose, particularly in an election year.

Singularly lacking in the report is any corroborative data or additional information from official Cuban circles on the source and quantity of the arms and ammunition used by the revolutionaries. Repeated requests by the Embassy for this information appear to date to have been productive of nothing. It is disquieting, therefore, to find the Embassy concluding as it does (mainly on the strength of press reports and such contradictory sources as Masferrer, Lawyer, and H. B. Smith) that there is "good reason" to believe that the Guatemalan Government was involved, and that there is a "reasonable amount of evidence" to support the conclusion that a large part of the arms used was manufactured in Argentina.

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