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TO: Thomas J. Kelly, Metropolitan Sheriff

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SUBJECT: SECURITY FOR VISITING DIGNITARIES, DR. RAUL ROA, CUBAN SECRETARY OF STATE.

On June 15, 1959, Agent A. L. TARABOCHIA was informed by A. MARTINEZ FONTES, Traffic Manager of Cubana Airlines that DR. RAUL ROA, Secretary of State of Cuba was due to arrive in Miami from Havana en route to Washington D.C.

DR. ROA, escorted by an aide arrived on the N.A.L. flight from Havana at 4:40 PM and was met by MR. ALONSO HIDALGO, Cuban Consul in Miami, and MR. MARTINEZ. After being cleared by Immigration and Customs, DR. ROA proceeded to board N.A.L. flight for Washington D.C. that left at 5:05 PM.

During a brief conversation with the Consul in the presence of this Agent, DR. ROA revealed that an armed uprising had begun in the Dominican Republic and that it had been confirmed by Dominican exiles in Havana.

The Secretary of State also revealed that he was going back to Washington D.C. to the Organization of American States in which he had served as the delegate for Cuba until his nomination to the office of Secretary of State last Friday night.

Continuing his conversation with the Consul, DR. ROA stated that the main item on his agenda was the situation created between the governments of Cuba, Dominican Republic and Haiti.

DR. ROA mentioned that Cuba was considering breaking her diplomatic relations with the two countries as a result of bombing attempts made against her Embassies located in the two Caribbean Republics.

A broadcast from the Havana radio, heard at 6:45 PM by Agent TARABOCHIA confirmed the news of the armed revolt in the Dominican Republic. In it, the speaker, claiming to be a spokesman of the free Dominicans, said that on the early morning hours, a truck full of soldiers had been ambushed in the mountainous region of Costanza in the center of the island.

The broadcast made no reference as to the numerical entity of the rebels except that they were well armed and that after the ambush they had retreated to the mountains.

An exhortation for help was broadcast to all American people at the conclusion of the broadcast.

Respectfully submitted,

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