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Under Secretary Guell yesterday visited me approximately an hour to discuss Cuban-Dominican relations (re EMBTEL 180 December 16, Embassy despatch 448 December 22). He emphasized private nature of visit. Referred to continued irritating attacks on Trujillo by certain segment local press, particularly magazine BOHEMIA, latest of which exploits alleged belligerent Dominican statements to present Trujillo as real threat Cuban security. (Press and opposition leaders also have given publicity to rumor of plot with Trujillo participation against lives of opposition figures one of whom has gone so far as appeal Supreme Court for investigation.) Guell concerned lest some ill-considered action on part Dominicans lead to serious results, perhaps even rupture relations. Told me he prepared, at direction of Batista and Prime Minister, note to Dominican Government setting forth Cuban views on situation with objective of clearing air. Batista requested acknowledgment from Trujillo which apparently came in ambiguous terms followed by somewhat bombastic statement on part unidentified government official indicating that Dominican Republic had means take care of its "enemies".

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