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Re: DEPTTEL 205 December 12.

For factual coverage and comment on the subjects discussed in ALUSNA 102100Z refer to item 9 WEEKA 47, item 4 WEEKA 48, items 2 and 9 WEEKA 49. See also Embassy despatch 309 December 11, despatch 314 December 13, 1956 and EMBTEL 256 December 13. Embassy opinion Trujillo may be financing anti-Batista propaganda outside as well as in the Dominican Republic. There are indications he is assisting diverse Cuban malcontents but Embassy doubts he is supporting Fidel Castro. Although there is always a theoretical possibility of direct military intervention the Embassy most emphatically discounts the possibility of any such illogical act on the part of Trujillo. Although the timing and location of the Dominican military maneuvers may incidentally be designed to contribute to uneasiness of Batista they are primarily a legitimate exercise celebrating a Trujillo anniversary and occurring at a location previously used for maneuvers. Conclude Trujillo interested in fomenting Cuban discord but any involvement other than by way of propaganda will continue to be covert, indirect and relatively minor.

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