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Further to June 18 circular to addressee posts, latest information reaching Department indicates possibility early intensification of Cuban-based efforts overthrow Dominican Govt and of Dominican-based attempt to launch counter-revolution in Cuba, thus heightening possibility of international conflict in Caribbean. Moreover, evidence presented to members OAS Special Committee on Nicaragua and other intelligence indicates recent support from Cuba and involvement Cuban nationals in revolutionary expedition based on Costa Rica, while Honduran Government appears to be having difficult time in its efforts to disperse Nicaraguan revolutionary band being readied to launch new attack on GON. Extent of Cuban involvement or backing of latter not yet clarified. Evident, however, that threat from Honduras added to inflammatory attitudes of Figuerista elements in Costa Rica and apparent inability of President

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Echandi firmly to control situation are putting great stress on Somozas to take preventive and retaliatory measures.

Pattern which emerges is (1) expeditions to overthrow governments of Dominican Republic and Nicaragua are being actively organized in or supported from Cuba despite latter's previous categoric assurances in OAS and elsewhere; (2) expeditions to launch counter-revolution in Cuba is being prepared in DR at stepped-up pace and GON is at least contemplating retaliatory actions on territory neighboring states; and (3) firm and early action by American States in carrying out their responsibilities through OAS is required if open conflicts in Caribbean and serious erosion principles on which inter-American system is based to be avoided.

In light foregoing, you are requested to see ForMin and/or President as soon as possible and, maintaining attitude of strict impartiality with reference Castro, Trujillo and Somoza Governments, convey orally RPT orally our increasing concern with developments in Caribbean basin along lines reference circular and elicit as concrete as possible suggestions and recommendations from them as to how American States can effectively discharge their collective responsibilities for maintenance of peace of hemisphere. You should stress US dedicated to advancement of democratic principles in Hemisphere, has welcomed trend in that direction which has been particularly evident in recent years, and has sought to work constructively with representative governments throughout area. However, US is convinced that direct and indirect aggression of type now emerging in Caribbean is destructive of principles on which democracy is founded, and creates conditions of lawlessness and confusion which play into hands Communists. Maintenance of inter-American principles in

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international sphere is essential to establishment and survival democratic institutions this hemisphere.

In addition to above you may specifically cite, as necessary, information reaching this Govt that (1) two landing craft originating in Cuba landed in DR June 19 and were not destroyed until men disembarked (2) arms and materiel taken from revolutionary expedition in Costa Rica ~~showed~~ showed evidence of having recently come from Cuba and (3) expedition of Cubans and possibly others now being prepared for possible early departure from DR.

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