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Reference Embassy A-1002 September 3 regarding
possibility further revolutionary expedition against
Dominican Republic.

There have been additional developments in this
matter during past week but still nothing more than
circumstantial evidence of preparations for new ex-
pedition. No evidence of recruiting men or assembling
of material in Cuba has been received.

1. Military attaché (Colonel Edgar M. GLENN) was
informed by a Lieutenant Colonel in Cuban Army on
September 3, 1948 that the Cuban Navy was again involved
in anti-Trujillo activities. This was given as the reason
for the recent removal of Commodore WILLA Ruiz as Navy
Chief as it was known that he was expected to aid further
participation. This report would lend credence to report
received from Military Intelligence Unit covering an
interview with the Captain of Cuban Navy schoolship PATUL
(see Embassy's A-1002, September 3.)

2. Killing of Juan ARVALO, anti-Communist labor
leader in Cuba, may not be connected with labor activities.
Arvalo was known to be a personal friend and was suspected
of being a paid agent of Trujillo. He has had no other
known source of income during past few months and there is
a distinct possibility that he was killed because he was
active Trujillo agent.

3. Ernest HEMINGWAY informed Public Affairs officer on
September 6 that he understood that on recent visit to Mexico
City had arranged with President Aleman for definite Mexican
cooperation against Trujillo. Hemingway would not elaborate
statement that something was going on but that nothing was
likely to happen soon as plans had not yet been perfected
but he did state that he was having absolutely nothing to
do with it himself. Hemingway left Havana September 7 on
Polish vessel JAGIELLO en route to Genoa, Italy; he plans
to spend six months in Europe working on a new book.

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