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Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: August 6, 1948

SUBJECT: Alleged Sentiments of Cuban President-Elect Prió
Regarding the Dominican Republic

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador Luis F. Thomen - Dominican Republic
Mr. Walker - Acting Chief, CRB
Mr. Price - CRB

COPIES TO: ARA - Mr. Woodward
Mr. Daniels
CRB - Mr. Walker
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In the course of a conversation on several subjects, Ambassador Thomen referred to an article published in the July 31 issue of the New York La Prensa reporting alleged statements by Dr. Prió to President Alemán in Mexico against the Dominican Government. Mr. Walker expressed doubts that Dr. Prió actually made such statements about the Dominican Republic. Ambassador Thomen said that he was not at all sure of the sentiments of Dr. Prió with respect to the Dominican Republic. He pointed out in this connection that one of the principal advisors to Dr. Prió was Juan Bosch, a Dominican with very violent views against the present Dominican Government. The Ambassador said it was his understanding that Juan Bosch had a family relationship with Dr. Prió either by virtue of Bosch's marriage to Prió's sister or Prió's marriage to Bosch's sister. He said that in any event he personally had seen on occasion in Habana Bosch riding alone in Prió's car and he knew that there was a close relationship between the two. He expressed some apprehension with regard to the influence Bosch might have on Dr. Prió vis-à-vis the Dominican Republic.

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