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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 23, 1965

8:15 p.m. - Wednesday

MR. PRESIDENT:

I had a long meeting with the Apostolic Delegate. We discussed the following:

- (1) He showed me the Papal letter which has been read to all churches in the Dominican Republic. It is attached.

The Holy Father has made it clear that peace must come to the Dominican Republic and that the Communists will not bring peace.

The Delegate said that Bishop Clarizio who is the Papal Nuncio in the Dominican Republic would be glad to come to Washington and quietly and secretly talk with anyone we wanted him to talk with. He has identified a French Communist and an Italian Communist who have come into the Dominican Republic in recent weeks.

- (2) Viet Nam

The Delegate told me that the Pope has made it clear to his Bishops that they should do all in their power to help support the government in Viet Nam.

I attach a memo the Delegate wanted you to read.

Father O'Connor, a Catholic priest, who has spent 16 years in Viet Nam, is now in this country and if any of our people would like to talk to him, the Delegate will arrange it.

- (3) The Delegate wanted to thank you for your help concerning renewal of residence permits for foreign missionaries in Ceylon.

Good work Jack

Jack Valenti

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TO OUR VENERABLE BROTHERS IN THE EPISCOPACY, TO THE CLERGY,
THE RELIGIOUS AND TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE BELOVED DOMINICAN
NATION

Confidently, We entrust this paternal message to Our representative among
you, the Apostolic Nuncio, Mons. Emanuele Clarizio, who returns to your ,
dear country. We have heard from his own lips of your anxieties, your pre-
occupations and your fears for the future, which still remains uncertain and
beset with difficulty.

May We say with a sincere heart that We have made this state of uncertainty
Ours, that We are very near to you with one heart, as the Father of all, and
We would hope that you would discover in Our words motives for renewed
trust and firm confidence, to travel united on that road which still separates
you from complete internal tranquillity.

Therefore, in the name of God, We make a fervent and urgent appeal that
this strife, which renders you enemies of one another, not only cease but
come to a lasting end. You are brothers, citizens of the same country, and
a nation which only in peace and harmony can discover her honor, her liberty
and her prosperity. Would that this fratricidal hatred be terminated and that
there be an end to the use of arms by brothers belonging to the same land;
that no one dare any longer to spill the blood of fellow citizens.

Return to your peaceful labors for the reconstruction of the country and the just application of those healthy social reforms, desired and promised by all and recognized by everyone as urgently needed, which, however, until now could not be effected because of the lack of certain indispensable conditions: tranquillity and the continuity of public administration.

Be assured that the Church is anxious to offer willingly and without human ambitions her generous cooperation and assistance.

She is the promoter of social justice and wishes and encourages true social progress. She ardently desires that all citizens, without distinction, have the possibility to live as befits human beings, having available to them sufficient food, adequate housing for their family, work justly remunerated so as to ensure the proper upbringing of their children and education for all in conformity to a properly organized system of free institutions for the formation of youth.

The Church, which is present among you in your venerated Pastors, your Bishops and zealous priests, desires and wishes to live and act in your midst to lend her help to the people with all the means at her disposal. She loves more to give than to receive; rather than ask for contributions she prefers to accept that which is offered spontaneously because she knows that she can count on the generosity and understanding of her sons for the support and development of her programs, which are directed exclusively for the welfare of the people and the whole Dominican nation.

You are well aware of the fact that when you help your brother who is in need (cf. James 1, 27) you also give honor to God.

It is a great source of joy for Us to know that the Episcopate, the clergy and the members of Catholic Action and of the "Cursillos de Cristiandad" are studying ways to contribute to the solution of the present crisis. We have also been informed that in recent years you have introduced very desirable social action which is inspired by the Social Doctrine of the Church and proclaimed by Our Predecessors in this Roman See.

We also warmly bless the studies that are being undertaken for the same purpose with true determination and proved seriousness at the new Catholic University of Santiago de los Caballeros which was established with great hope and, as a happy omen, under the very title itself of the truly fundamental Encyclical, 'Mater et Magistra' of the Supreme Pontiff, Pope John XXIII, of happy memory.

Be assured, and assure those who doubt, that the Church, the depositary of the divine message of salvation for all, which message was committed to her care by Christ Our Saviour, wishes to offer her services with a clear understanding of your social conditions and your problems, so as to point out a safe road to arrive at a peaceful solution in Christ: "The Way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14, 6). Thus you will be sheltered from the lures of false teachings, which are disruptive of any kind of honest human and social way of life.

Always keep in mind the shining image of your ancestors. In their name and with the help and blessings of God renew your fraternal dialogue, remove the obstacles that divide you, return to the peaceful labors of your fields and your industries, with the conviction that in doing so you will ensure the welfare of your beloved Fatherland.

Beloved sons of the Dominican nation, We wish you to know that the Cardinal Legate, the other Cardinals, Their Excellencies the Bishops, and the theologians, who came from various parts of the world and met in Santo Domingo last March to participate in the Mariological and Marian Congresses have all brought Us comforting news regarding your good will and your sincere Christian spirit. We are confident, We would like to say certain, that you will give proof of your deep respect for order and of your true patriotism by dedicating yourselves entirely to a peaceful reorganization of the country. Remember, however, that this will be possible only with the unanimous participation of all and by the perfect union of intent and purpose of all citizens, together with their priests and their Pastors who have been placed by God to govern the Church. (Cfr. Acts-20, 28).

These then are the prayerful intentions that We, with trepidation, lay upon the altar as We celebrate the solemnity of the Lord's Body, the Feast of the Eucharist, the mystery of love in the union of God's people with Christ and in Christ:
"Because the bread is one, we though many, are one body, all of us who partake of the one bread." (I Cor. 10, 17).

May Our paternal Apostolic Blessing, through the intercession of Our Lady of Altagracia, be for all a pledge and token of serenity and peace.

From the Vatican, June 17th, 1965, the Feast of Corpus Domini.

POPE PAUL VI

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MEMORANDUM

Subject: Vietnam

In view of the public demonstrations and difficulties that have been evidenced in Vietnam in recent weeks, His Eminence, Amleto Cardinal Cicognani, Secretary of State of His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, wishes to make note of the fact that Archbishop Palmas, the Papal Representative in that area, has made continued efforts to promote a sense of restraint and responsibility among the members of the Catholic community in that country. This is especially true with regards to certain groups of Catholics who have figured in the events of recent days.

Moreover, it should be added that the local Catholic Hierarchy has not failed to take steps to this same end in that, on June 12th, the Bishops issued a circular letter which served to remind Catholics of their civic duties and responsibilities and to call for a conscientious respect for law and order.

June 22, 1965

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MEMORANDUM

Subject: Missionaries in Ceylon

The Holy See wishes to express deep appreciation and gratitude for the assistance and support of the United States Government in the matter which concerned the renewal of residence permits by the Ceylonese Government for the foreign missionaries working on that Island.

June 22, 1965

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