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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 19, 1965
6:30 p.m.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Notes on your Friday meeting
on the Dominican Republic.

Jack Valenti

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CABINET ROOM - 6:00 P.M. JULY 16, 1965

Bunker, Bennett, Bundy, Mann, Vaughan, Vance, Moyers, Valenti
Secretary Rusk, and the President

BUNKER: Garcia Godoy could command integrity of Dominican
Republic people.

Eduardo Read Barreras - now Ambassador to Italy - for
Vice President.

Finally Caamano and PRD served notice on extreme
left if they didn't go with Godoy, Caamano and PRD
would break away.

Imbert was finally persuaded to step aside. He and
Armed Forces agree that Godoy is acceptable.

Godoy is the one Dominican I have run into who has
courage to go ahead.

Problems:

1. Institutional act to provide for the government.
Both sides have given suggestions on this act.
One side (the rebels) has written a new constitu-
tion but this won't do. Imbert reaction to our
draft is moderate.

2. Armed Forces.

Caamano wants re-integration of all troops into
regular armed forces -- and the departure of the
four chiefs.

Imbert insists officers on rebel side to leave country
for 5 years.

About 20-30 officers involved.

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Caamano wants inter-American force to leave 30 days after Provisional Government takes over.

Imbert wants this the day the new government takes over.

(President of Senate on Caamano side said when force left, he would leave.)

Talked with Godoy about Communist problem. Wants our assistance.

PRESIDENT: Did Godoy agree to San Juan document?

BUNKER: Pretty much, yes.

PRESIDENT: Has he agreed to get rid of Communists?

BUNKER: Agrees to controlling Communists. Reid said big mistake was sending them out of country. They got training - and were uncontrollable. Reid said he should have kept them in sight.

MANN: How do you control them?

BUNKER: Send them to rocky island off the coast. Godoy is well aware of the problem of Communists.

We've gotten past the proposal and formula for setting up government. Will take 2 or 3 weeks.

We will use same methods as we did before. Wait for pressures to build up - get two sides as close as we can, then bring our proposal forward.

Got to have a government that can be recognized, able to function.

(Bunker told both sides this.)

We can't keep paying the bills. Military knows this.

RUSK: Do you see decisions the President needs to make now?

BUNKER: Does the President feel we are on the right track?

PRESIDENT: Do it as quickly as possible. Get provisional president in.

BUNKER: Guzman has been helpful.
He has put heat on Caamano. We will have to come forward with our proposals.

RUSK: Is provisional government liable to have armed opposition?

BENNETT: Likely to have guerrilla activity.

BUNKER: El Salvador offered to purchase arms in return for farm implements and rice. Godoy likes this.

PRESIDENT: Any question about Godoy's good faith.

BUNKER: I don't think so. He has been good so far.

BENNETT. Known him 20 years - a good man.

(All agreed that Godoy is best man possible in answer to President's question why Godoy over Guzman.)

Baloguer is for Godoy but he will run for President and will be strong.

Without Bosch PRD will probably break apart.

BUNKER: Our draft is done -- we can use some rebel language but rebels have drafted constitution which is unacceptable.

Military problem is the most serious.

We can put military officers in question in retirement. New Minister of Armed Forces. Godoy ought to be able to appoint his own Cabinet.

VANCE: De los Santos ought to go.

RUSK: Could these 20-30 officers be approached and arrangements made?

BUNKER: Yes. On Alvim: the Inter-American Force has been integrated well. Alvim is stickler for etiquette but Palmer gets along well with him. Has international staff. Uruguayians have arrived -- very good chief, educated here.

RUSK: Has Diplomatic Corps been helpful?

BENNETT: Some Latin's for us at first are now unhappy because we didn't finish it off.

VAUGHAN: I'm getting concerned on timing. We have little contingency funds left - by the end of the month, our funds may be gone, if we keep paying bills.

BUNKER: Will take 2 or 3 weeks. Limit to how far we can go.

MANN: Choice is between cutting off soldier's pay or not. This would put economic heat on military.

PRESIDENT: Do you see further reductions in our armed forces in next 10 days?

BUNKER: No, we ought to keep it where it is.

RUSK: We would be comfortable to see OAS Rio meeting postponed, but we won't oppose. Probably a slight majority for going ahead.

PRESIDENT: I would let the coffee cool for awhile. On August 4 we may not have a government -- yet -- and the Rio conference could bust up what we have.