

**DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
REFERRED TO IN RECORDINGS OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS**

During the course of the Dominican Crisis in April and May 1965, numerous telephone conversations between President Johnson and his advisors, and between the advisors themselves, were recorded by the White House. Many of these conversations took place between U.S. officials in the Dominican Republic and those in Washington, DC, over non-secure telephone lines. Because they were concerned about their conversations being intercepted, the conversants often made reference to information in documents that each side had in their possession to discuss sensitive topics or individuals.

Since these conversations are often cryptic unless the listener also has copies of the documents in hand, the Library staff has compiled this reference set of documents for use in listening to the conversations. **Please use the original file location to reference these documents.**

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7818	WH 6505.30	54, 55	I
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File Location:

- I. National Security File, Country File, Dominican Republic, "Davidson," Box 51, Document # (as listed).
- II. National Security File, Country File, Dominican Republic, "Dominican Republic Vol. IV," Box 39, Document # (as listed).
- III. National Security File, Files of Gordon Chase, "Bundy's Mission on the Dominican Problem," Box 2, Document # (as listed).

# TELEGRAM

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By *g/f/w* NARA, Date *3/16/96*

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FOR VANCE

HIGHEST AUTHORITY SUGGESTS THAT IN DEALING WITH IMBERT YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT IN ANY NEW GOVERNMENT WE ARE PREPARED TO GIVE REPRESENTATION TO HIS ADHERENTS AND TO ASSURE THAT HIS ANTI-COMMUNIST PHILOSOPHY WILL BE UPHELD. WE WILL ALSO PROVIDE FOR HIS SECURITY.

SPECIFICALLY YOU SHOULD GIVE ASSURANCES ALONG FOLLOWING LINE:

1. WE WILL INSIST THAT THERE BE NO COMMUNISTS IN ANY NEW GOVERNMENT AND THAT WE WILL NOT SUPPORT ANY GOVERNMENT THAT INCLUDES COMMUNISTS. OUR OBJECTIVE IS A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION COMPOSED OF INDIVIDUALS LIBERAL IN THEIR POLITICS BUT ANTI-COMMUNIST.
2. WE SHALL INSIST THAT SUCH A GOVERNMENT ADOPT A POLICY OF RECONCILIATION AND RENOUNCE REVENGE EITHER TOWARD THE UNITED STATES OR TOWARD IMBERT AND HIS FOLLOWING.
3. FYI IF IMBERT INSISTS WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO INCLUDE TWO OR THREE OF HIS OWN PEOPLE IN CABINET POSTS IN A NEW GOVERNMENT PROVIDED THEY ARE REASONABLY LIBERAL AND NOT EXTREMISTS. WE WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO INCLUDE TWO OR THREE OF BALAGUER PEOPLE LEAVING POSSIBLY FIVE PLACES FOR BOSCH'S PEOPLE END FYI.
4. WE WILL UNDERTAKE TO ASSURE IMBERT'S PERSONAL SECURITY.

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THIS MIGHT BE BEST ACHIEVED IF HE WERE TO COME TO WASHINGTON EITHER AS AMBASSADOR OR HEAD OF A RECONSTRUCTION MISSION. UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE READILY PROVIDED. WE CAN ALSO ARRANGE FINANCIAL SECURITY.

5. ALL OF THIS REPRESENTS A GENEROUS ARRANGEMENT TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF IMBERT AND HIS FOLLOWERS.

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EMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO  
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ACTION: BUNDY + 1

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EMBTEL 1925.

FOR BUNDY AND VANCE

1. IF GUZMAN DOES NOT HAVE EITHER THE POWER OR WILL TO ARRANGE FOR DEPARTURE OF THREE REBEL LEADERS IN HEADQUARTERS GROUP AND IS UNWILLING EVEN TO TRY TO ACHIEVE THIS IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HE WOULD NOT DEAL ADEQUATELY WITH THOSE LEADERS AND OTHER DANGEROUS ELEMENTS ONCE HIS GOVERNMENT WAS FORMED. THIS WOULD CAST IN DOUBT THE EFFIACY OF ANY SAFEGUARDS WE MIGHT WRITE INTO AN UNDERSTANDING WITH HIM.

2. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO INSIST ON THE ORIGINAL PLAN FOR PAID OVERSEAS VACATIONS FOR THE THREE REBEL LEADERS. ANYTHING LESS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO EXPLAIN AND JUSTIFY TO CONGRESS AND AMERICAN PEOPLE. WE WOULD NOT REGARD EXPULSION OF GONZALES, PENA TAVERAS, AND GARCIA GERMAN AS A SUBSTITUTE. IF AGREED SAFEGUARDS WORK THEY WOULD BE THROWN OUT OF INTERNED ANYWAY.

3. IN ADDITION WE BELIEVE WE MUST INSIST ON THE FOLLOWING SAFEGUARDS:

A. IDENTIFIED COMMUNISTS WILL BE PROMPTLY TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND DEPORTED OR INTERNED.

B. MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER COMMUNISTS, WHETHER IN CIVILIAN OR MILITARY LIFE. WHEN IDENTIFIED THOSE COMMUNISTS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY PLACED UNDER SURVEILLANCE AND IF AT ANY TIME EVIDENCE DEVELOPS OF A PLOT OR THREAT TO SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT THEY WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DEPORTED OR INTERNED.

4. WE WOULD PREFER THAT YOU OR MORA OR OTHER APPRO-

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PRIATE EMMISSARY MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH IMBERT AND PROCEED WITH EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH HIM WITHOUT AWAITING CONCLUSION OF FINAL AGREEMENT WITH GUZMAN. HOWEVER, IF YOU FEEL STRONGLY THAT APPROACH TO IMBERT IS NOT ADVISABLE BEFORE A FINAL CONFERENCE WITH GUZMAN YOU MAY DELAY SUCH APPROACH UNTIL TOMORROW.

5. ALTHOUGH IT IS OBVIOUSLY DESIRABLE THAT IMBERT ACCEPT AGREED CABINET LIST WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER ONE OR MORE ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS (EXCLUDING IMBERT HIMSELF) IF HE FINDS ANY NAMES ON LIST TOTALLY OBJECTIONABLE. THIS MEANS WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER ADDITION OF UP TO TWO OR THREE PRO-IMBERT PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT TRUJILLISTAS.

6. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY INCREASE DIFFICULTY OF REACHING A FINAL UNDERSTANDING BUT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT A DEAL THAT DOES NOT FULLY SATISFY OUR REQUIREMENTS. IF YOUR EFFORTS TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING SHOULD IN FACT MEET A DEAD END WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT MORA BRING TO THE MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS THE DETAILS OF WHAT EACH SIDE IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT. BRAZILIAN, ARGENTINIAN, ECUADORIAN AND HOPEFULLY OTHER MINISTERS PLAN TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 27. WE WOULD EXPECT MORA TO MAKE CLEAR TO MINISTERS THAT UNITED STATES HAS CARRIED THE BALL AS FAR AS POSSIBLE PENDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF OAS ARRANGEMENTS TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ESTABLISHING GOVERNMENT. WITH THE CREATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN FORCE AND THE MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS THE OAS SHOULD NOW CARRY ON FROM THERE.

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