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REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE SITUATION  
IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Addendum

1. The following information on the situation in the Dominican Republic has been received from the office of my Representative there since the publication of my last report on the subject (S/7338/Add.3) on 25 June 1966.

Beginning of the withdrawal of the IAPF

2. In accordance with the provisions of the resolution adopted by the Tenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Organization of American States on 24 June 1966,\* elements of the Inter-American Peace Force began withdrawing from the territory of the Dominican Republic on 28 June 1966.

3. The first unit to leave was the 1st Battalion, 320th Artillery Regiment (United States contingent of the IAPF), unit strength approximately 370 all ranks. Some of the personnel of the unit and the unit stores were shipped by sea from the port of Haina by United States military sea transport vessels beginning at approximately noon on 28 June. The bulk of the personnel were flown out by aircraft of the United States Air Force from San Isidro air base on 28 and 29 June; the last air loads of troops of this unit left Dominican territory at approximately 1830 hours on 29 June.

4. According to a communiqué issued on 28 June by IAPF Headquarters, orders for the withdrawal operations had been issued by General Alvaro Braga of Brazil, Commanding General of the Force. In compliance with the instructions of the Tenth Meeting of Consultation, subsequent departures of IAPF troops and equipment would be spaced over a three-month period. The communiqué noted that the total strength of the Force had been reduced, since May 1965, from 23,000 men to its present level of approximately 8,000.

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Other developments

5. By decree dated 27 June 1966, the Provisional Government declared 1 July 1966, when Dr. Joaquín Balaguer is to be installed as President of the Republic, a national holiday. The decree stated that this event "should be an occasion of deep satisfaction for all Dominicans since it represents the return to constitutional order."

6. On 29 June, the Provisional Government issued a decree providing for the re-integration into the Armed Forces of the Republic of officers and enlisted men on active service on 24 April 1965 and at the ranks held by them as of that date. The integration is to be based on the official list of the personnel stationed at the "27 February Camp". Under the decree, the Minister of the Armed Forces is to designate the Commander and Executive Officer of that camp, and the Service chiefs are to designate officers to command their respective units in the camp. The re-incorporated officers are to remain at the "27 February Camp" until orders for their transfer to other units of the Armed Forces have been issued by the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

