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LETTER DATED 20 MAY 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE a.i.
OF HAITI ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following facts:

Today, 20 May, at about 8.15 a.m., a pirate white and gray aircraft flew over the town of Port-au-Prince and bombed it, one of the bombs being directed at the private apartments of the Head of State and his family.

According to information available to the Haitian Government, adventurers in the pay of ex-President Paul E. MAGLOIRE, Luc FOUCHE and Father Jean-Baptiste GEORGES, all in the United States, had already planned to acquire aircraft for the purpose of bombing Haitian towns.

Only this afternoon unidentified aircraft flew over and bombed the town of Cap-Haïtien. During this bombing, mercenaries were surprised and pursued by Haitian armed forces. Apart from the moral and economic damage caused by this act of piracy, the lives of innocent Haitians have been cut down.

I should like, Sir, to stress that this act of international brigandage, which cannot fail to arouse censure and indignation everywhere, could only be committed as a result of the tolerance of certain Governments, Members of the United Nations. Moreover, this act constitutes a flagrant violation of the fundamental principles of international law and of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as a threat to peace.

In all probability, the territories most likely to have been used for these criminal ends are those of the United States, Cuba, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic or the Bahamas.

It is essential that an immediate end should be put to these criminal acts which, moreover, infringe the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Haiti, the first Negro Republic in the world to achieve independence.

I am quite sure, Sir, that, in pursuance of the provisions of Articles 99 and 39 of the Charter, you will bring this situation, which threatens not only Haiti's internal security but also international peace and security, to the attention of the Security Council for the necessary protective measures.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as an official United Nations document.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Raoul SICLAIT
Ambassador
Permanent Representative a.i. of Haiti
