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In accordance with Article 54 of the United Nations Charter, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of the Security Council, the text of the following cable No. 909, dated 4 December, from the Ad Hoc Committee addressed to the President of the Tenth Meeting of Consultation:

"4 December 1965

Message 909

To: Dr. Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa
President, Tenth Meeting of Consultation
of Ministers of Foreign Affairs

"The Ad Hoc Committee has the honour and satisfaction to inform the Tenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs that the situation in the city of Santo Domingo and in the rest of the country is encouragingly normal.

"Newspapers, places of business, banks and, in general, all establishments open to the public are continuing to perform their usual activities in a normal manner. Among many such particulars, one which deserves special mention by reason of its importance and significance is the evident and unquestionably increasing rate of activity in the port of Santo Domingo, where noteworthy progress has been made in clearing up the debris and wreckage left by the last conflict. In the past few days many ships have used the facilities of the port for loading and unloading operations, thus giving employment to hundreds of workers.

"Moreover the provisional Government has extended for two weeks the collection of arms, which it has been carrying out with its own resources; it has so far collected more than 1,000 weapons, including rifles, semi-automatic and automatic weapons, and 50-mm machine-guns. At the same time it has officially announced that 1 June 1966 has been fixed as the date for the general elections and that Dr. Darío Balcacer and Mr. Alvaro Arvelo have been appointed members of the Central Electoral Board and were sworn in before the Provisional President on Thursday, 2 December.

"In addition to all these steps taken by the Provisional Government, which are of indisputable importance in restoring the social, economic and political life of the nation entirely to normal, we must mention other measures adopted by the Provisional Government which are no less important: the work being done to clean up and improve the appearance of the city of Santo Domingo by the Presidential Commission for the Programme of Immediate Action, which is operating at full capacity, and the economic measures taken to restrict the importation of luxury items and to encourage productive investment.

"The Provisional Government has also announced a reduction in the amount of the national budget; the next budget will total \$150 million, whereas the 1964 budget amounted to approximately \$180 million.

"We take this opportunity to mention that on 29 November 1965 the Provisional Government issued a press release informing the public of the existing dangers of various conspiracies connected with the events at Santiago de los Caballeros and emphasizing the complete support shown by the Dominican armed forces for Dr. Hector Garcia Godoy, the Provisional President, and the steps taken by his Government to end any possible outbreaks of insurrection in the Dominican Republic.

"The Ad Hoc Committee"

Accept, Sir, etc.

José A. MORA
Secretary General
Organization of American States

