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

Addendum

1. Further information on the situation in the Dominican Republic has been received from the Office of my Representative there since the publication of document S/7032/Add.2 on 24 December 1965.

2. Up to 1900 hours on 24 December there was calm throughout the country with the population working normally, but the situation in Santo Domingo remained extremely tense. Troops were confined to barracks. Former "Constitutionalist" officers, concentrated in the "27 February camp" on the President's orders, were not allowed to leave camp, which was still guarded by the IAPF.
3. Terrorism, however, continued unabated during the night of 23-24 December. A large hardware store was bombed and completely destroyed, the loss being evaluated at .5 million pesos. This is reported as the largest explosion in Santo Domingo since the April revolution. Another bomb partially destroyed a cement block factory. Mr. Jottin Cury, former Foreign Affairs Minister in the "Constitutionalist" Government, was shot at the same night by an unknown man but escaped uninjured.

4. The number of victims killed by terrorists this week up to the night of
23 December was six. However, it was reported that on the night of
22-23 December eight persons lost their lives in terrorist incidents.

5. Machine gun and rifle fire on the night of 23 December was the heaviest of the week, disturbing and alarming the population considerably.

6. The Government has authorized the publication of the newspaper <u>La Hoja</u> after a twenty-four-hour suspension.

7. The Archbishop of Santo Domingo, Octavio A. Beras, in an appeal to his countrymen, called upon them "not to augment sorrows, anxiety and hate with our conduct".

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8. The investigating committee on the Santiago incident submitted its preliminary report to the Provisional President in the early hours of 24 December. The President will address the nation on his conclusion and decisions upon studying the report.

9. The country was reported quiet on 25 December, the tension being much relaxed. While no shooting was heard on the night of 24/25 December in Santo Domingo, two men were reported to have been killed by gunfire.

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