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THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Addendum

1. The following information has been received from my Representative in the Dominican Republic since the publication of my last report on the situation there on 10 February 1966 (S/7032/Add.12).
2. There has been continued violence in Santo Domingo since the morning of 10 February 1966. Intense shooting and heavy explosions were heard during the evening of 10 February and the night of 10/11 February. A police sergeant and four civilians were shot dead in incidents during that period. The number of wounded was reported to be seventeen. On the morning of 11 February, however, Santo Domingo was relatively calm and only a few shots were heard.
3. With regard to the grenade incident of 10 February (see S/7032/Add.12, para. 10), General Alvaro Alves da Silva Braga informed my Representative's office that the initial version given by government officials and carried in radio and press reports was incorrect and that he, as Commander of the Inter-American Peace Force, would issue an official statement on the incident on the afternoon of 11 February. The statement was as follows: "At approximately 0910 hours yesterday morning an apparently home-made hand grenade was thrown at a Brazilian Army jeep in the intersection of Tunti Caceres and La Guardia streets. Bouncing off the side of the jeep, the grenade fell into the street and exploded. The missile was thrown by a youth of average height dressed in a light beige shirt and dark trousers, who turned and ran away. The explosion injured thirteen persons, one of them a child who reportedly died. The jeep was damaged extensively throughout the body, top, tires, windshield and rear stop lights. Neither occupant, Sgt. Gerardo Polverado and Driver Sense Barceno, was injured. The jeep was on a normal patrol travelling west on Tunti Caceres at the time of the incident."

4. The general strike had spread further both in Santo Domingo and in the provinces. Reliable sources indicated that all sugar mills were at a standstill, most factories in the city were closed and this was also the case with regard to trading firms and shops, with the exception of small food stores. City transportation by taxi was at a minimum. All work in the harbour had stopped at 1300 hours on 11 February.
5. The new Minister for the Armed Forces Perez y Perez was promoted from Colonel to Rank of General and sworn in. Early in the afternoon of 11 February he was installed in his new post at a ceremony at the Naval Base of Heina.
6. The provisional President made a public statement on the morning of 11 February assuring the country that the crisis was being solved in its essential aspects, but that the strike had aggravated it.

