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

Addendum

 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/7032/Add.21) on 7 March 1966.
On 6 March, the body of a man was found in La Ciénaga (Santo-Domingo District) with five bullet shots. On the same day, a man in Calle Francisco Villaespesa in Santo Domingo was fired at and wounded by unidentified persons. According to a report from the Inter-American Peace Force, a United States soldier of the IAPF was shot at and wounded by unidentified civilians on the evening of 6 March, while he was walking on Avenida Washington with a Dominican policeman.

3. Also on 6 March, the President of the Revolutionary Christian Party (PRSC), Dr. Antonio Rosario, and other members of the party were detained by a sergeant of the National Police and two armed men of the Dominican Air Force in civilian clothes and submitted to a search. Following this incident,

President Héctor García-Godoy summoned the Minister of the Armed Forces, the Minister of the Interior and the Chief of the National Police, together with Dr. Rosario, to discuss means to avert similar occurrences in the future. The Chief of Police announced that the sergeant involved in the incident had been arrested and that a Court of inquiry would investigate the incident. At a press conference on 7 March, Dr. Rosario indicated that his party would not participate in the elections if the present situation continued.

4. On 7 March, the Central Electoral Board announced in a communiqué that electoral cards would be issued during the week. Each elector would be required to produce this card as well as his identity card at the time of voting. The electoral cards would be marked after the voting so as to prevent electors from voting twice.

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5. Two Dominican soldiers, who had left their barracks on the morning of 7 March and rambled around in Santo Domingo firing their arms at random, were expelled from the Army. The Army Headquarters issued a statement assuring that they would be inflexible in maintaining discipline and order so that the public might trust "men in uniform".

6. On 8 March, Navy Captain Augusto Bienvenido Lora Matos, who had been billeted in the "27 February camp", left the country to take up the post of naval attaché in Madrid. Another officer billeted in the camp, Colonel José Mauricio Fernández, departed on 9 March for Mexico, where he had been appointed as military attaché. Lt. Colonel Rafael Dante Canela, of the National Police, also left on 9 March for Spain, where he would be a military observer on police methods. These three appointments had been made recently and are not mentioned in the decree of 6 January 1966.

7. On 9 March, the competent Dominican services began issuing the electoral cards referred to in paragraph 4 above.

8. On the evening of 9 March, at approximately 2315 hours local time, IAPF outpost positions in the area of San Carlos Church north of Plaza Independencia were subjected to severe harassing fire from automatic weapons in nearby houses. The IAPF sent in patrols and returned the fire. No casualties were reported.
