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THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Addendum

1. The following information on the situation in the Dominican Republic, which covers the period from 5 to 10 April 1966, has been received from the office of my Representative there since the publication of my last report on the subject (S/7032/Add.26 and Corr.1).

Maintenance of law and order

2. On 5 April at approximately 1945 hours, a student was killed and another wounded at San Juan de la Maguana when a National Police sergeant tried to break up a student demonstration protesting the presence of foreign troops on Dominican soil. The wounded student later also died from his wounds. The National Police initiated an investigation of the incident.

3. On 8 April, President Héctor García-Godoy appealed to the Dominican people to pay homage peacefully to those who had fallen during the April 1965 revolution. He stated that there were elements who intended to agitate on the anniversary of that event.

4. On the same day, the Dominican Press published the text of a letter dated 4 April in which the Minister of the Armed Forces, Major-General Enrique Pérez y Pérez, assured the Chief of the National Police, General José de Jesús Morillo López, of his full support for the manner in which General Morillo López had undertaken to fulfil his task.

Events related to the elections

5. On 7 April, the Provisional Government promulgated decree No. 174 abrogating decree No. 77 of 2 December 1965 which declared the 14 June Movement outlawed. The

following day, the Central Electoral Board announced that, since the 14 June Movement had been legalized by the Government, the movement was automatically recognized by it as a political party.

6. On 8 April, the Government promulgated two new decrees. One of them abolishes the electoral cards for the forthcoming elections. The other provides that all persons who will be eighteen years of age by 1 June 1966 and who have not yet obtained identity cards will be able to obtain them free of charge within the period ending 25 May 1966. Electors will be required to produce identity cards at the time of voting.

7. The Dominican Communist Party (PCD) issued a statement on 8 April indicating that it would support Mr. Juan Bosch if the Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD) decided to participate in the elections. The PCD explained that this support did not mean that the two parties held the same ultimate objectives, and that the support had been given because their immediate aims coincided, namely, the fight against "oligarchical minorities" and "the United States intervention".

8. At its national convention, held on 9 and 10 April, the PRD decided to participate in the elections and nominated Mr. Juan Bosch and Mr. Silvestre Antonio Guzmán Fernández as its candidates for the presidency and the vice-presidency respectively.

9. On 10 April, the Liberal Evolutionist Party (PLE) held its national convention, during which it nominated the leader of the Movement of National Integration (MIN), Mr. Rafael F. Bonnelly, as its candidate for President and Dr. Tabare Álvarez Pereira, a member of the PLE, as its candidate for Vice-President.

10. The Reformist Party (PR) also held a convention on 10 April in Santo Domingo for the purpose of nominating candidates for the election of the senator, deputies, mayors and aldermen for the National District (Santo Domingo).

11. The Vanguardia Revolucionaria Dominicana has announced that it will hold a convention on 17 April to select candidates for the elections.

Other events

12. On 6 April, the Provisional Government set up a committee for investigation of claims for war damages. The committee, under the chairmanship of the Minister

of Finance, will receive, investigate and clear all claims submitted by persons having suffered material damages during the civil war which started on 24 April 1965. These claims should be submitted within a period of forty-five days from 6 April.

13. Municipal workers of the Department of Sanitation have been on strike since 4 April. In this connexion, the Dominican health authorities in Santo Domingo stated that there was a danger of an epidemic of gastro-enteritis appearing in the city.

