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In accordance with Article 54 United Nations Charter, I have the honour to transmit to you for the information of the Security Council cable No. 319 dated 8 July from the Director of the Secretariat Services of the OAS in the Dominican Republic to the Secretary General of the OAS.

"Santo Domingo, 8 July 1965

"Message No. 319

"To Dr. José A. Mora
Secretary General of the Organization
of American States
Pan American Union, Washington, D.C.

"I am cabling you for your information the text of the report on violations of the cease-fire received today from the Unified Command of the Inter-American Peace Force:

'Between 0.1 a.m. and 12 midnight on 7 July 1965, Casmaño's forces made three unprovoked attacks on detachments of the Inter-American Peace Force. In one of the attacks, six bullets from small arms hit a building occupied by forces of the Inter-American Peace Force; the fire was not returned. In another incident, there was some small arms fire, which was not returned either. The most serious incident occurred at 0.55 a.m., when one of the rebels crawled to the edge of the barbed-wire barricade near Calle Enriqueillo and Calle Caracas and threw a hand grenade and fired twenty shots from a semi-automatic weapon at members of the Inter-American Peace Force before withdrawing. In this incident, the Inter-American Peace Force returned the fire, firing twenty-five shots, with unknown results.

'As to the activities of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Chairman of the Commission yesterday called upon Mr. Vicioso Soto, Minister for Foreign Affairs, to discuss problems connected with the Commission. In the afternoon, the Commission

continued its consideration of a number of urgent cases brought to its attention by the persons concerned, made representations to different civilian and military authorities, and received information about certain occurrences reported to it. Thirty-eight different complaints were received at the Commission's office in the course of the day. Today, the Commission visited San Cristobal to find out what the human rights situation was and talked to eleven political prisoners in the military fortress there; they said that they were well treated but complained of not having been brought before a court although they had been prisoners for two months. As some of the arrangements were clearly unsatisfactory, the Chairman of the Commission suggested to the prison authorities that they might improve the prisoners' medical facilities and increase the number of visiting days, for there is now only one a week. Fifty-two complaints and petitions were received at the Committee's office today.

Santiago Ortiz
Director of the Secretariat Services
of the OAS in Santo Domingo"

Accept, etc.

José A. MORA
Secretary General
Organization of American States

