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GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

In accordance with Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit for the information of the Security Council the text of cable No. 456, dated 4 August, which was sent to me by the Director of OAS Secretariat Services in the Dominican Republic:

"Santo Domingo, 4 August 1965

"No. 456

"Dr. José A. Mora  
Secretary-General of the OAS  
Pan-American Union  
Washington, D.C.

"The Unified Command reports that on 2 August there were two attacks on the Inter-American Peace Force by the Constitutionalist forces and on 3 August there was one attack; the Peace Force did not return the fire.

"On 3 August, after receiving a report that two prisoners at the Armed Forces Training Centre were to be shot that day, the Commission on Human Rights proceeded to the Centre to check the report. The commandant of the Centre received the Commission and ordered the two persons in question brought before it.

"On the morning of 4 August, Mrs. Angela Acuna Chacon, the representative of the Commission, and Dr. Isidoro Zanotti, the Assistant Executive Secretary, visited the La Victoria national penitentiary for the purpose of interviewing the screening committee which is studying and investigating the status of political prisoners. They also interviewed a large number of prisoners.

"Since beginning its work last Friday, the new screening committee has released approximately fifty political prisoners who had been held in the penitentiary.

"The Commission was informed that its request regarding minors had been granted in full and that the minors had already been released.

"In the afternoon of 4 August, the Commission went to the Ozama fortress, where it visited both the military and the civilian prisoners held there. The Commission informed the commandant of the fortress that it had just sent a note to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Constitutional Government requesting the creation of a screening committee to examine the status of each prisoner as soon as possible, since most of the prisoners claimed to have been held in detention for three months without being given an opportunity to defend themselves.

"On 3 and 4 August, the Commission received sixty-five persons who submitted complaints regarding alleged violations of human rights or requested it to take various measures.

"Accept, Sir, etc.

Santiago ORTIZ  
Director of OAS Secretariat Services  
in the Dominican Republic"

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José A. MORA  
Secretary-General of the Organization  
of American States

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