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OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

In accordance with Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit to you for the information of the Security Council the text of cable No. 521, dated 16 August, which was sent to me by the Director of OAS Secretariat Services in the Dominican Republic:

"Santo Domingo, 16 August 1965

"No. 521

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

"The Inter-American Peace Force Command reports that there were no attacks by the Constitutional forces on Saturday, 14 August, or Sunday, 15 August.

"The Commission on Human Rights reports the following general activities during the week ending Saturday, 14 August:

"Dr. Durward V. Sandifer, representative of the Commission, arrived. The Commission continued to receive complaints and claims regarding violations of human rights by both Governments, but in smaller numbers, because political prisoners have been being released. It had the co-operation of both parties to the dispute.

"The Government of National Reconstruction reports that through the action of the screening committee set up for the purpose, the following numbers of political prisoners have been released this month: 21 on 2 August, 20 on 4 August, 26 on 5 August, 30 on 9 August, 30 on 11 August, 40 on 12 August. The Government of National Reconstruction reports that 133 members of the armed forces and the national police are at present held as political prisoners.

"On Saturday, 14 August, the Commission visited La Victoria Prison and found that the number of political prisoners had been reduced considerably. It was informed that by 14 August, 2,139 persons had been released from the prison since screening began. The Commission also found that visits took place without interference even on non-visiting days.

"The Commission was informed about the medical care given to the sick and the measures taken to maintain an adequate supply of drugs at the Prison.

"On Sunday, 15 August, the Commission visited the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Constitutional Government and made a statement to him concerning acts committed by agents of his Government which allegedly violated human rights. The Commission was informed that investigations would be made.

"Accept, Sir, etc.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

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

