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LETTER DATED 28 JULY 1964 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF HAITI  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the armed Haitian rebels originating from the territory of the Dominican Republic which landed on 29 June 1964 in Lagon des Huftres, a rural area of Belle Anse, a department in the southeastern part of the Republic of Haiti, have, after spreading death and destruction in the peaceful Haitian countryside, taken refuge in the Dominican Republic, where, if that country's Press (El Caribe, 23 July 1964) is to be believed, they have been imprisoned so that they may be placed at the disposal of a commission of investigation of the Organization of American States.

It is reported by the Haitian Armed Forces that the Haitian rebels, who were soundly defeated by the Haitian Armed Forces and the Haitian Civil Militia, crossed the Haitian-Dominican frontier at markers 279, 280 and 281 and succeeded in infiltrating into Dominican territory, from which they had originally come with the connivance of the present de facto Government of the Dominican Republic.

These new occurrences add to the huge file submitted by my Government, in rebuttal to that submitted by the Dominican Republic, in connexion with the acts of aggression and interference committed by the Dominican Government and with all the other encroachments on the sovereignty, political independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Haiti. They confirm the accuracy of the statements made in the notes of 1 and 5 July 1964 by the Haitian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

A number of questions, to which the Dominican Government will find it difficult to reply, immediately arise.

Why did the Haitian rebels, in their desperate flight, wish at all costs to reach the Haitian-Dominican frontier?

Why would they have fled to Dominican territory unless they had been certain of being hospitably received there?

Why has the Dominican Government not issued an official statement confirming the reports in the Dominican Press and announcing that the rebels will be extradited or handed over to an international body?

The Haitian Government has the honour to submit these questions for your consideration and for that of the members of the Council.

While reaffirming its faith in the noble aims of the Charters of the Organization of American States and the United Nations, its devotion to the international principles governing peaceful coexistence between peoples, and its unshakable confidence in the methods and procedures employed for the peaceful settlement of disputes between nations, the Haitian Government protests most vigorously against the highly reprehensible behaviour of the Dominican regime.

I should be grateful if you would have copies of this communication circulated to the members of the Security Council, and I wish to thank you for giving your kind attention to this request.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) René CHALMERS  
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs  
of the Republic of Haiti

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