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In accordance Article 54 United Nations Charter, I have honour to transmit to you, for information of Security Council, following text of cable number 172 received from Ad Hoc Committee of the Tenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs:

"Following is text latest report to Ad Hoc Committee from General Alvim.

'Subject: Protest of actions by Caamaño.

'To Ad Hoc Committee of the Organization of American States in the Dominican Republic.

'1. This report is to again register a vigorous protest of the repeated unprovoked attacks by Caamaño forces against the forces of the Inter-American Peace Force (IAPF) during the period 15 and 16 June 1965.

'2. Though their meaning and reasons may not be clear to the truly peace-loving people of the world, the blame for them is unquestioned.

'3. I would also like to take this opportunity to emphasize the fact that the forces of the IAPF under my command are not and have not been parties to the cease-fire agreements between the forces of Colonel Caamaño and General Imbert. We are here to bring about a situation that will provide the stage for the solution of this problem by the OAS. Therefore I can only consider the repeated firing on the IAPF as attacks against a peaceful mission.

'4. The above notwithstanding, I would like to point out that in violation of the Geneva Convention the forces of Colonel Caamaño are utilizing medical facilities as firing positions for their snipers. These snipers have repeatedly fired into the zone held by Honduras and Brazilian soldiers and have resulted in casualties among these troops. I have been furnished proof of these actions by impartial eye-witnesses. The hospital being used in contravention of the Geneva Convention is the San Raphael Maternity Clinic clearly marked with the Red Cross insignia. My troops have not returned fire against these positions directly, rather they have directed their fire over the building in question.

Hugo Panasco Alvim
General of the Army Commanding'

Ilman Penna Marinho
Special Delegate of Brazil

Ramón de Clairmont Duenas
Special Delegate of El Salvador

Ellsworth Bunker
Special Delegate of the United States"

Please accept, etc.

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