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In accordance Article 54 Charter United Nations I have the honour to transmit to you for information Security Council following texts cables Nos. 217, 218 and 219 sent by Secretary General this Organization to Chairman Tenth Meeting of Consultation:

"Santo Domingo, 24 June 1965

"No. 217

"To: Ambassador Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa
Chairman of the Tenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers
of Foreign Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

"Yesterday Wednesday 23 representatives Secretary General and Commission on Human Rights attended funeral of Arturo McKinnun, a Canadian monk of the Scaboro order, who died at Monte Plata on Tuesday afternoon. Commission gathered information and will closely follow investigations which the authorities have promised to make into the matter, without prejudice to the adoption of such measures as the discharge of its mission may require. The Commission received eighty-seven requests and petitions on Wednesday.

"José A. Mora
Secretary General."

Second message:

"Santo Domingo, 24 June 1965

"No. 213

"To: Ambassador Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa, Chairman of the Tenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Washington, D. C.

"The Commander of the Inter-American Peace Force informs me of the following:

"1. We have reports of eight unprovoked attacks by the Caamaño forces against the United States troops between 1300 and 1430 hours on 23 June 1965. Company "B" of the Second Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry, was the chosen target of a total of nineteen well-aimed shots by snipers, and two rounds were fired at Company "C" of the First Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry.

"Three of the attacks came from building No. 331 in the Calle Restauración to the east of the intersection of that street with the Calle Arzobispo Merino. Two of the attacks came from building No. 42 at the intersection of the Calle Emiliano Tejera with the Calle Isabel la Católica, another attack came from building No. 373 in the Avenida Duarte between the Calle Benito Gcnzales and the Avenida Mella, and the other two attacks came from unidentified buildings around the intersection of the Calle Mercedes with the Calle Isabel la Católica.

"2. An OAS investigation team was sent to the area in which the attacks took place in order to verify the information given in paragraph 1. The OAS investigation team reported that between 1000 and 1600 hours the same day 412 cases of looting were observed on the part of persons entering and leaving the warehouses situated south of the Alcázar de Colón. The looters removed lawn-mowers, television sets, electric refrigerators, clothing, whisky and other goods, unidentified, in cardboard boxes.

"José A. Mora
Secretary General."

Third message:

"Santo Domingo, 24 June 1965

"No. 219

"To: Ambassador Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa, Chairman of the Tenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Washington, D. C.

"This morning Commission Human Rights visited quays in order to observe some reported irregularities and took steps to prevent repetition such incidents. Commission visited authorities Constitutionalist Government with which it examined several specific cases concerning human rights and also

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visited Ozama Fort, finding that political prisoners are visited by their families, and interviewed officers armed forces in custody there. In the afternoon Commission again visited La Victoria prison, touring installations ascertaining conditions in which political prisoners are kept. Commission was informed that, of 2,253 political prisoners in that prison on 24 May, 354 now remain. Authorities that penitentiary allowed 300 persons in custody to be visited by members of their families today. In course of today Commission office received eighty-seven communications and petitions concerning violations human rights and requesting information.

"José A. Mora
Secretary General."

Accept, Sir, etc.

William SANDERS
Assistant Secretary General
Organization American States
