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LETTER DATED 17 MAY 1963 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL

I refer to a document circulated at the request of the Permanent Mission of Haiti to the United Nations (S/5314) and containing a telegram addressed to the Security Council in which the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Haiti reiterates his complaint that the Dominican Republic harbours aggressive intentions towards the Republic of Haiti. He does so on the basis of certain statements made by Mr. Juan Bosch, President of the Dominican Republic, to the effect that the Dominican troops deployed on the Dominico-Haitian frontier would be withdrawn if the Haitian Government would guarantee safe conduct for the persons who have sought asylum in the Dominican Embassy at Port au Prince.

These statements in no way imply that the Dominican Republic has aggressive designs on Haiti. The troops in question were moved to points close to the Dominico-Haitian frontier as a safeguard and as a result of persistent attacks on and violations of the sovereignty of the Dominican Republic, which culminated in the occupation of the Dominican Embassy in the capital of Haiti by Haitian forces, the seizure of persons who had sought asylum there, and so on. Neither President Bosch nor the representative of the Dominican Republic, in his statement to the Security Council, has concealed the fact that the Dominican Republic has troops on the Dominico-Haitian frontier in a state of alert and vigilance, a measure which the situation provoked by the Haitian Government has made necessary. But they have denied, and they continue to deny, that the Dominican Republic has moved its troops there with the aggressive intentions maliciously attributed to it by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Haiti.

The desire of the Dominican Government to arrive at a peaceful settlement of the crisis in a dignified manner is shown by its willingness to co-operate with the international organization which is competent, as the Security Council itself

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has recognized, to mediate in the dispute, an attitude which is in contrast to the reluctance of the Haitian Government to provide that organization with the means to carry out its work of conciliation.

I should be grateful if you would bring the contents of this letter to the notice of the other members of the Security Council, for whatever action they see fit to take, and if you would arrange for it to be issued as a Security Council document.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Guaroa VELAZQUEZ  
Ambassador  
Head of the Permanent Mission

