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DAILY INTELLIGENCE ABSTRACTS OF INTEREST TO WORKING GROUPS

1. Cuba - Dominican Relations

US Embassy Havana has learned that Cuban President Batista wants the US to take steps to have the Inter-American Peace Committee (IAPC) publicly define its authority and power, thus demonstrating the error of the official Dominican position regarding the IAPC statement on the recent Cuban-Dominican "arms" altercation. The Dominican Government, in a 22 April statement, said the IAPC had considered briefs submitted by both governments, accepted the Dominican position, and rejected Cuban charges. The US Embassy agrees with President Batista that either the US Government or the IAPC should clarify the situation. Batista is reported not to favor going to the Panama meeting of American presidents unless some progress is made on this matter. (US Embassy Havana 439, 23 May, Confidential)

2. Haiti - Protest over Sale of Jets to Dominican Republic

The US Embassy in Port-au-Prince reports that the Haitian Foreign Minister has again protested the sale of sabre-jets to the Dominican Republic. The Embassy notes there is merit in the Haitian view that the Dominicans are over-arming. (US Embassy Port-au-Prince 203, 24 May, Confidential)

3. France - Request for Technical Mission

The French Minister of Defense has urgently requested the US Embassy for authorization to permit a group of French technicians to visit certain US firms and Air Force bases in California in order to study a new flight test system. Equipment for this system has been offered for sale to the French. (US Embassy Paris 5505, 22 May, Secret)

4. East Europe - Red Troop Withdrawal Rumored

US Embassy Vienna reports that a New York Times correspondent states he has heard "well founded" rumors that the USSR is preparing to withdraw Soviet troops from Hungary, Rumania, and Bulgaria. (US Embassy Vienna, 2755, 24 May, Confidential)

5. Syria - Recognition of Communist China

In order to persuade Syria not to recognize Communist China, US Embassy Damascus suggests that the Chinese Nationalists approach the Syrian representatives in the UN and possibly other Arabs as well. The Chinese could point out that Syrian recognition of Communist China would result in giving

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up a proven friend who has consistently supported the Arab point of view in the UN. Possibly the Latin American states may be in a position to influence the Arabs with the same argument. (US Embassy Damascus 1106, 2h May, Confidential)

6. Afghanistan - Visit of Turkish Prime Minister

The Afghan press announced on 21 May that the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Turkey have accepted invitations to visit Afghanistan, US Embassy Kabul reports. No dates for the visit have been set. (US Embassy Kabul 1132, 23 May, Unclassified)

7. Canada - Trade Agreement with Communist China

Canada and Communist China will conclude an important trade agreement soon according to the Peking correspondent of the London Daily Express, FBIS reports. (FBIS Ticker, 25 May, Official Use Only)

8. Reaction to H-Bomb Tests

Editorials in both Austrian and Swiss papers have deplored the US testing of an atomic bomb on Whitsunday, according to Department of State and FBIS reports. (US Embassy Bern 1244, 2h May, Confidential; FBIS Ticker, 25 May, Official Use Only)

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