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1. COUNTRY: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

2. SUBJECT: (U) Possible Small Arms Purchases from Merix A.G. of Germany

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15. SUMMARY:

1. (X) Background. 2. (X) Speculators. 3. (X) FAL Cal 7.62MM (NATO) Rifles Available. 4. (C) Import Authorization for FAL Rifle from Merix A.G. of Germany.

COMMENTS: (X) There is no doubt that the Military are lining up their election promises and arranging to present their bill to the President, if he's elected. Many hands are stirring the Arms pot in the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC but the "Head Chef" is still General PEREZ y Perez. He's willing to look at all offers presented him by his "Old Colonels" and their contacts, but will still have to see where he personally stands following the elections. President BALAGUER may want a new Secretary.

Interestingly, Mr. Cummins of Interarmco, in a letter to Mr. Enriquez written on 29 April 1970 from Monaco, said there were no surplus FAL rifles available for sale and new ones would be \$110.00 (U.S.) in Belgium. Mr. Enriquez was going to Brussels to check NATO for possible direct surplus sale rather than through Merix A.G. of Germany, so it remains to be seen, who will sell what, to whom, and for how much kickback, etc.

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64-36360 (Cummins)

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1. (X) Background. The Dominican Armed Forces have received the great bulk of their modernization from MAAG Military Grant Assistance since the Trujillo era ended in 1961. This assistance precluded small arms since the Dominican inventory was loaded with their own Cristobal carbines, Spanish CETME's, German G-3's, Mauser Rifles and Carbines, and FAL 7.62 (NATO) Rifles. Prior, during, and following the 1960-1965 period the Government's small arms and rifles were... 60's and are not capable of arms... not production without... mostly... of money, new machinery and for Plant at San Cristobal... BALAGUER's... election in 1965 and his austerity... military was forced to draw in their...

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18. ATTACHMENT DATA: 2 Enclosures 1. (X) Letter from G.M. General of War Materials to the Armed Forces to Mr. Herman Henriquez dated 21 Apr 79, No. 1145 2. (U) Authorization from Secretary of State for Armed Forces dated 7 May 1970, No 10621

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belts and make do with the modernization afforded the 1st Bde and later the 9th Bn by USMAAG. They did receive some 400 - 500 FAL rifles in 1968 through a barter arrangement with Interarmco, Alexandria, Virginia. However no major arms purchases have been made since the '65 Revolution, although several unsuccessful attempts were made by U.S. and other Arms dealers periodically to sell various weapons systems, i.e., FAL, Stoner, AR18's, etc. Each time the actual arms bids were boosted 10% by whoever was promoting the "deal"; in the old Trujillo manner.

2. ~~(C)~~ Speculators.

a. Mr. Sam Cummins, President of Interarmco, Monaco, made his start following WW II selling surplus war materials to Trujillo. The "Old Dominican Colonels" still remember both with affection and greed. Much of the Army is still equipped with this Interarmco surplus (tanks, armored cars, artillery, machine guns, mortars, etc.). His agent still has 1st chance at any bartering and selling.

b. Mr. Irving Davidson, Washington, D.C., is another power in Dominican selling circles and much quoted on any type speculation. He is considered the top contact in the U.S. by Dominican dealers.

c. Mr. Leland P. Johnston, Minerals Industriates, C por A, is a mining claims speculator in the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC but has worked in armament sales during the Trujillo era.

d. Mr. Karl W. Lange, Vice President of Santiago, Inc., Clayton, Missouri and Mr. Fernando Peguero, his Dominican partner, are active in land, hotel and arms speculation (AR 18 sales). The Peguero's (father and 2 brothers) are well connected politically, financially, and socially in the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

e. Mr. Herman Henriquez Lora and his brother are arms agents for Interarmco, Dutch and other U.S. concerns (AR 18, Stoner, FAL, etc). They are personal friends of President BALAGUER and General PEREZ y Perez and associates.

3. ~~(C)~~ FAL, Cal 7.62MM (NATO) Rifles Available. Enclosure 1 from Air Force Colonel Felipe RIVAS Perdomo, Quartermaster General of War Materials for the Dominican Armed Forces, states that his sources have located some 3500 FAL rifles for sale in a NATO depot, 35 miles south of Hamburg, Germany. The rifles to sell at \$90.00 (U.S.) each there, or \$95.00 (U.S.) each, CIF, Santo Domingo. He wants to go to Germany to verify the information and to return with 2 sample

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slings, ~~bridge~~; ~~obtained from Merix A.G. of Germany, through SIDEM International. The German Embassy in Santo Domingo put their seal on this importation authorization and the Arms Agent departed Santo Domingo for U.S. and later Germany on 9 May 1970.~~

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Interestingly, Mr. Cummins of Interarmco, in a letter to Mr. Enriquez written on 29 April 70, from Monaco, said there were no surplus FAL rifles available for sale and new ones would be \$140.00 (U.S.) in Belgium. Mr. Enriquez was going to Brussels to check NATO for possible direct surplus sale rather than through Merix A.G. of Germany, so it remains to be seen, who will sell what, to whom, and for how much kickback, etc.



REPUBLICA DOMINICANA
SECRETARIA DE ESTADO DE LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS
SANTO DOMINGO, D. N.

"TODO POR LA PATRIA"

7 de mayo de 1970.

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-AUTORIZACION-

En base a lo que me confiere el artículo 3ro. de la Ley 36 de fecha 17-10-65 sobre Comercio, Porte y Tenencia de Armas, autorizo al señor HERNAN HENRIQUEZ, Cédula Personal de Identidad No. 2202 Serie 1ra., dominicano, mayor de edad, residente en la calle 19 de marzo No. 56 (altos), Santo Domingo, D.N., a importar para las Fuerzas Armadas de la República Dominicana, las siguientes propiedades de armas, en calidad de muestras:

- 1.- Fusil "Fal Cal. 7.62, culata y empuñadura de madera y cubre llamarada;
- 5.- Cargadores de (20) cápsulas cada uno;
- 2.- Porta-cargadores de lona, de dos cargadores cada uno;
- 1.- Bípode para el fusil;
- 1.- Correa de lona para el fusil;
- 1.- Rellenador de cargadores; y
- 1.- Equipo de limpieza básico (una acciterita).

Las cuales obtendrá de la MERIX A.G. de Alemania, y/o SIDEM INTERNATIONAL.

ENRIQUE PEREZ Y PEREZ,
Mayor General, E. N.

Secretario de Estado de las Fuerzas Armadas.

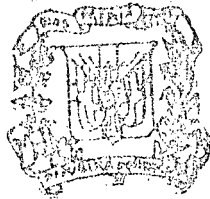
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21 de abril de 1970.

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Señor
Hernán Henríquez,
Coral Gables, Florida,
U. S. A.

Estimado Señor Henríquez:

Me complace mucho informarle, que he recibido toda la información por escrito, que me envió con el Dr. MARINO A-
RIZA.

Sobre los Fusilés FAL Cal.7.62 (NATO), tengo a bien informarle, que el domingo 19 de abril de 1970, hemos recibido la siguiente información, confirmada y ratificada, de manera que no deje lugar para dudas o malos entendidos entre esta oficina y la fuente informante, de todo crédito, en base a documentos. La información que se nos dió es la siguiente; muy confidencial: "La NATO, está reduciendo sus fuerzas considerablemente, lo que a dado origen a que las armas que esas fuerzas usaban sean reintegradas a los depósitos de la NATO y están siendo puestas en venta a precio atractivo, siendo su estado como nuevas; estas armas se encuentran en la actualidad en un depósito de la NATO 7, 35 millas al Sur de HAMBURGO, Alemania; pudiendo ser embarcadas por el mismo puerto Hamburgo directo a Santo Domingo. Entre las armas se encuentran a disponibilidad (3,500) Fusiles FAL Cal.7.62 (NATO) culata de madera a un precio de almacén de US\$90.00, siendo su precio CIF Santo Domingo de US\$95.00".

Esto indudablemente, parece coincidir con respecto a la partida de armas, a la mismas que usted nos refiere; nosotros nos apresuramos a ponerlo a su conocimiento tal información, a fin de que usted la utilice. Esto ha despertado tanto interés en la Superioridad, que estamos pensando en que yo mismo viaje a Alemania, con nuestra fuente informativa a fin de verificar de la partida y apresurar en cuanto sea necesario esta transacción. Nosotros, bajo ningún concepto, vamos dejarlo fuera de esta transacción (instrucciones superiores) y es por eso que le estoy enviando.

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21 de abril de 1970.-

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do esta información cuanto antes; hemos sabido aquilatar y apreciar los servicios que nos ha prestado y en alguna forma hemos de corresponderle. Especialmente por el interesante viaje que hizo a Europa, en 1969, precisamente para esta operación.

Deseo informarle además, que ya se han impartido las instrucciones, confirmadas, de que nos están despachando por avión dos ejemplares de dichos Fusiles, los cuales examinaremos para dar nuestra conformidad; llegarán dentro de las próximas (96) horas por avión.

Sobre este particular, esperamos sus prontas noticias para decisión final.

Inmediatamente recibamos los ejemplares que nos envían, le avisaré.

Como siempre, estamos trabajando con nuestro mayor empeño por ofrecer las mayores economías a los fondos de nuestro Gobierno, a fin de que nuestra economía sea vulnerada lo menos posible, por lo menos en el capítulo que concierne a nuestro trabajo. Usted sabe que esta forma de trabajo es mi norte y mi único ideal.

En espera de sus prontas noticias le saluda,

Muy atentamente,

FELIX ALEJANDRO RIVERA PÉREZ,
Coronel Piloto, F.A.D.

Intendente General del Material Bélico de las
Fuerzas Armadas.

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