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1 they might eventually be so used.

2 Mr. Schwarz. Is that a supposition, or is it based upon
3 any recollection?

4 Mr. Bissell. I would say it is a faint recollection.
5 But I find it very difficult in this case to distinguish
6 between an element of supposition and a dim recollection.

7 Let me come to what I seem to remember about this matter.
8 There was, as you have already indicated, several discussions
9 in the Special Group, and one or more at least in other very
10 small groups with representation from State, the White House
11 and the Agency. And I am clear -- I do recollect that the
12 plans at that time contemplated the arming of obviously a
13 relatively small group inside the Dominican Republic, that is,
14 the provision of arms perhaps for a dozen or so people, but
15 not for something like a Bay of Pigs invasion or a major
16 guerrilla activity.

17 Now, in discussing that kind of an operation, I am
18 perfectly certain that everyone that participated in the
19 discussion was clear that weapons so supplied might very well
20 be used against Trujillo or other senior supporters of his.

21 Mr. Schwarz. For how many countries in your experience
22 at the CIA has the US Government supplied arms to dissident
23 groups within the country?

24 Mr. Bissell. Well, we have talked about two cases;
25 Indonesia is another case during the time I was in the Agency,

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