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1 July 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Clandestine Delivery of Arms to Opposition Leadership
in the Dominican Republic.

1. This memorandum recommends action by the Acting Director of Central Intelligence. Such recommendation is contained in para 5.

2. While Ambassador Farland was in the Dominican Republic, a principal leader of the opposition requested that a limited number of arms be made available which could be used to precipitate the overthrow of the regime of General Rafael Leonidas Trujillo. These arms presumably would be used against key members of the Trujillo regime.

Within recent months, the Trujillo regime has become increasingly unstable due to growing opposition within the professional and middle classes to the excesses of the dictatorship. Political oppression of these groups has brought about severely strained relations between the Catholic Church and the Trujillo regime. Most knowledgeable sources have been predicting that the fall of the regime is imminent.

Since the fall of the Trujillo regime appears inevitable, in the interest of the U.S. that our relations with the opposition be as close as possible. Providing the arms as requested would contribute significantly toward this end.

3. It is proposed to procure and deliver to underground opposition forces in the Dominican Republic twelve (12) sterile U.S. rifles, Model 1903 (Springfield), with telescopic sights, together with five hundred (500) rounds of ammunition for same. Arms and ammunition are immediately available at SECRET Depot; approximate cost is \$2700. It is planned to deliver these weapons by air through DDP facilities provided arrangements can be worked out with the opposition for their reception. If they cannot be delivered by air, plans are currently being studied in the CA staff for delivery by sea.

4. Approval for delivery of these arms has been given by Assistant Secretary of State Roy Subotton, who requests that the arms be placed in the hands of the opposition at the earliest possible moment.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of Special Group Meeting, 25 August 1960

PRESENT: Messrs. Merchant, Gray, Irwin, Dulles

1. Congo

Mr. Parrott outlined broadly three (or as Mr. Dulles later described them "2 1/2") operational lines that we are following in mounting an anti-Lumumba campaign in the Congo. These included: operations through the chief advisor of the Christian Trade Unions; the planned attempt of a Socialist labor Senator to arrange a vote of no confidence in Lumumba; and a brand new contact with an alleged leader of certain independent labor groups. He emphasized that the latter had just come up and that we are now in the process of assessing the bona fides and capabilities of the individual.

The Group agreed that the action contemplated is very much in order. Mr. Gray commented, however, that his associates had expressed extremely strong feelings on the necessity for very straightforward action in this situation, and he wondered whether the plans as outlined were sufficient to accomplish this. Mr. Dulles replied that he had taken the comments referred to seriously and had every intention of proceeding as vigorously as the situation permits or requires, but added that he must necessarily put himself in a position of interpreting instructions of this kind within the bounds of necessity and capability. It was finally agreed that planning for the Congo would not necessarily rule out "consideration" of any particular kind of activity which might contribute to getting rid of Lumumba.

Mr. Irwin commented that certain individuals in Defense have given thought to the possibility of using high officials of the Catholic Church in Africa to promote the general objectives of the West. In this connection, he cited a preliminary assessment which had been made of the Negro Cardinal recently appointed by the Pope - the assessment being that the individual in question is a man of not

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u> PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, GORDON GRAY	<u>DATES:</u> Oct. 24, 1960	<u>CATEGORIES:</u> LUMUMBA
<u>OCCURRENCE:</u> On October 24, 1960 at a National Security Council meeting Mr. Dulles reported: "An intercepted <u>UAR /Egypt/</u> message indicated that five Congolese soldiers had attempted to assassinate Mobutu on the 15th of October. The U.S. had prior information of this attempt and had warned Mobutu...if he had not been warned, it was probable that he would have been caught. (page 16)		

<u>SOURCE:</u> Presidential Papers of Dwight Eisenhower (Whitman File) (NSC meeting series, minutes of meeting, October 24, 1960) <u>FILE:</u> - Abilene	<u>STAFF:</u> Kelley <u>DATE:</u> July 6, 1975
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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u> GORDON GRAY, MARION W. BOGGS	<u>DATES:</u> Feb. 12, 1960	<u>CATEGORIES:</u> LUMUMBA CASTRO TRUJILLO
<u>OCCURRENCE:</u> On February 12, 1960 a "special" National Security Council meeting was held, and Marion W. Boggs, Deputy Executive Secretary, attended as Acting Executive Secretary. The only record of this meeting appearing in the NSC meeting series of minutes is a one-page notation which states: "On instructions from the Executive Secretary no memorandum was written." What was discussed? is NOT indicated in document.		

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