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REPORT NO. FIRLT-313/01268-74

DATE DISTR. 18 October 1974

COUNTRY Haiti

DOI Early October 1974

SUBJECT Transfer of Political Prisoner Clemard Joseph Charles to Port-au-Prince General Hospital.

ACQ 15 October 1974

FIELD NO.

SOURCE A reliable source from a Haitian exile leader who is well educated and who has a wide variety of contacts in Haitian exile groups. The exile was aware that his information would reach the U.S. Government.

1. Clemard Joseph Charles, former president of the Commercial Bank of Haiti who has been held political prisoner since April 1970 on charges of plotting against the government, was recently transferred from jail to the general hospital in Port-au-Prince. Charles is said to be dying of cirrhosis of the liver and was transferred to the hospital on orders of Madame Simone Ovide Duvalier, mother of Haitian President Jean Claude Duvalier.

2. Doctors recommended that Charles be sent abroad for proper medical treatment but Mme. Duvalier authorized his transfer only to the local hospital. According to close relatives, this occurred only after Minister of Interior and Defense Paul B l a n c h e t told the President and his mother that he would refuse to become involved in this case and would not sign any papers required of him as Minister of Interior certifying that Charles had died in prison. Relatives of Charles still intend to press for his removal from the country.

3. Field Dissem: Sent to Port-au-Prince.

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CITE TDCS - 314/01961-72

DIS 24 MARCH 1972

COUNTRY HAITI

DOI 20 MARCH 1972

SUBJECT FURTHER EFFORTS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI TO BRING ABOUT
RAPPROCHEMENT WITH HAITIAN EXILES

ACQ 22 MARCH 1972

FIELD NO.

SOURCE A YOUNG HAITIAN EXILE LEADER WHO IS WELL EDUCATED AND WHO HAS
A WIDE VARIETY OF CONTACTS IN HAITIAN EXILE GROUPS. HIS
REPORTING HAS BEEN RELIABLE.

1. ON APPROXIMATELY 20 MARCH 1972 LUCKNER CAMBRONNE,
HAITIAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND NATIONAL DEFENSE, TELEPHONED
FERMIN JOSEPH, AN OFFICIAL OF THE NEW YORK-BASED, HAITIAN
EXILE NEWSPAPER "HAITI OBSERVATEUR," AND TOLD JOSEPH THAT HE WAS
DISAPPOINTED AT THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT OF HAITI (GOH) STANCE
TAKEN BY THE "HAITI OBSERVATEUR" IN GENERAL AND JOSEPH IN PARTI-
CULAR IN THE 18 MARCH EDITION OF THE PAPER. CAMBRONNE STATED
THAT HE HAD HOPED THAT HIS RECENT INVITATION TO ALL HAITIAN EXILES
TO RETURN TO HAITI, COUPLED WITH HIS PRIVATE DISCUSSION

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CITE TDCS-314/C2923-71

DISP 17 MARCH 1971

COUNTRY : HAITI

DOI : MID-MARCH 1971

SUBJECT : RESULTS OF THE INTERROGATION OF CLEMARD JOSEPH
CHARLES AND KESKER BLAIN

ACQ : HAITI, PORT AU PRINCE (16 MARCH 1971) HTP-1469

SOURCE : A FORMER HAITIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE WHO HAD
THE CONFIDENCE OF MANY MEMBERS OF THE DUVALIER
GOVERNMENT. HIS PAST REPORTING HAS GENERALLY
BEEN ACCURATE. HE RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION
FROM A HIGH RANKING MEMBER OF THE HAITIAN
ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF.

1. ACCORDING TO BRIG. GEN. CLAUDE RAYMOND, CHIEF
OF HAITIAN ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF, PRESIDENT FRANCOIS
DUVALIER COMPLETED HIS PERSONAL INTERROGATION OF
CLEMARD JOSEPH CHARLES, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE
COMMERCIAL BANK OF HAITI, AND COL. KESKER BLAIN, FORMER
QUARTERMASTER OF THE HAITIAN ARMED FORCES, ON 15 MARCH 1971.

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REPORT NO. CS-311/07138-70

COUNTRY HAITI

DATE DISTR. 28 AUGUST 1970

DOI **LATE AUGUST 1970**

SUBJECT PROSPECTIVE RELEASE OF REMAINING POLITICAL
PRISONERS ARRESTED IN APRIL 1970 FOR
ALLEGEDLY PLOTTING AGAINST GOVERNMENT

ACQ HAITI, PORT AU PRINCE (26 AUG. 1970) FIELD NO. HTP-1435
SOURCE A FORMER HAITIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE WHO HAS THE CONFIDENCE
OF MANY MEMBERS OF THE DUVALIER GOVERNMENT. HIS REPORTING HAS
BEEN ACCURATE SINCE 1963. HE RECEIVED THE INFORMATION FROM
AN OFFICIAL OF THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT WHOSE POSITION PROVIDES
HIM ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF ARRESTS
ALTHOUGH HE HAS BEEN REPORTING FOR ONLY A SHORT TIME, HIS
INFORMATION TO DATE HAS APPEARED RELIABLE.

1. ACCORDING TO A HIGH-RANKING OFFICER IN THE PRESIDENTIAL
GUARD, THE THREE REMAINING POLITICAL PRISONERS ARRESTED IN
APRIL 1970 ON CHARGES OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT PLOTTING, WILL BE
AMNESTIED ON 22 SEPTEMBER 1970, THE ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT
FRANCOIS DUVALIER'S ELECTION AS PRESIDENT FOR LIFE.
(HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: CS-311/06776-70 REPORTED THE RELEASE
OF THE OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS ARRESTED IN APRIL AND MAY 1970.)
THE PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED IN SEPTEMBER ARE COL. KESNER
B L A I N, FORMER QUARTERMASTER OF THE ARMED FORCES; CLEMARD
JOSEPH C H A R L E S, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF

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REPORT NO. CS-311/06776-70

DATE DISTR. 13 AUGUST 1970

COUNTRY HAITI

DCI **EARLY AUGUST 1970**

SUBJECT RELEASE OF HAITIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS

ACQ HAITI, PORT AU PRINCE (11 AUGUST 1970) REF NO. HTP-1432

SOURCE A FORMER HAITIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE WHO HAS THE CONFIDENCE OF MANY MEMBERS OF THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT. HIS REPORTING HAS BEEN ACCURATE SINCE 1963. HE RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION FROM AN OFFICIAL OF THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT WHOSE POSITION PROVIDED HIM ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF ARRESTS. ALTHOUGH HE HAS ONLY BEEN REPORTING FOR A SHORT TIME, HIS INFORMATION TO DATE HAS APPEARED RELIABLE.

1. AS OF 3 AUGUST 1970, FORTY OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS ARRESTED BETWEEN EARLY APRIL AND LATE MAY 1970 FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT PLOTTING OF COL. KESNER B L A I N, FORMER QUARTERMASTER OF THE HAITIAN ARMED FORCES, AND COL. OCTAVE C A Y A R D, FORMER COMMANDER OF THE HAITIAN COAST GUARD, HAD BEEN RELEASED. BY 7 AUGUST 1970, AN ADDITIONAL NINETEEN PRISONERS WERE RELEASED, MAKING A TOTAL OF 59. AMONG THE PRISONERS RELEASED WERE FRITZ T H E B A U D, FORMER SECRETARY OF FINANCE; VOLVICK C A Y A R D, FORMER DEPUTY AND BROTHER OF COL. CAYARD; MAX P I E R R E - P A U L, FORMER

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COUNTRY HAITI

DCI APRIL 1970

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- SUBJECT
1. STATUS OF COL. KESNER BLAIN, QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF ARMED FORCES, AND CLEMARD JOSEPH CHARLES, PRESIDENT OF COMMERCIAL BANK, IMPRISONED FOR ALLEGED ANTI-GOVERNMENT PLOTTING
 2. DENUCIATION OF COL. OCTAVE CATARD, COMMANDER OF COAST GUARD, BY LUCKNER CAMBRONNE, DEPUTY FROM ARCAHAIE

ACQ HAITI, PORT AU PRINCE (1 MAY 1970) FIELD NO. HTP-1406, 1405

SOURCE A HAITIAN UNIVERSITY GRADUATE WHO HAS GOOD CONTACTS AMONG MEMBERS OF THE HAITIAN MILITARY. HE IS A NEW SOURCE AND THE RELIABILITY OF HIS REPORTING HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED.

1. ONE OF THE SOLDIERS AT THE DESSALINES BARRACKS WHO IS GUARDING COL. KESNER B L A I N, QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMED FORCES, AND CLEMARD JOSEPH C H A R L E S, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF HAITI, WHO WERE ARRESTED IN EARLY APRIL 1970 FOR ALLEGED ANTI-GOVERNMENT PLOTTING, SAID THAT BOTH MEN STILL WERE ALIVE AS OF 30 APRIL. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: TDCS-314/03869-70 REPORTED THE ARRESTS OF BLAIN AND CHARLES.)

2. ACCORDING TO A SOLDIER AT THE NATIONAL PALACE, COL. OCTAVE C A Y A R D, COMMANDER OF THE COAST GUARD, WAS SUMMONED

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COUNTRY HAITI

DOI 9 APRIL 1970

SUBJECT DENUNCIATION BY CLEMARD JOSEPH CHARLES, PRESIDENT OF COMMERCIAL BANK OF HAITI, OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT PLOT

ACQ HAITI, PORT AU PRINCE (10 APRIL 1970)

FIELD NO. HTP-1379

SOURCE A HAITIAN PROFESSIONAL MAN WHO HAS THE CONFIDENCE OF MANY MEMBERS OF THE DUVALIER GOVERNMENT. HE IS A NEW SOURCE AND THE RELIABILITY OF HIS REPORTING HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED.

1. ACCORDING TO DR. JACQUES FOURCAND, ONE OF THE PERSONAL PHYSICIANS TO PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER, DUVALIER WAS INFORMED OF THE RECENT ANTI-GOVERNMENT PLOT, WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY LED TO SEVERAL ARRESTS OF SUSPECTED PLOTTERS, BY CLEMARD JOSEPH CHARLES, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF HAITI. CHARLES DENOUNCED THE PLOT TO DUVALIER WHEN HE REALIZED HE HAD BEEN "DOUBLE-CROSSED" BY COL. KESNER BLAIN, QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMED FORCES, WHO HAD PROMISED TO MAKE CHARLES PRESIDENT OF HAITI IN RETURN FOR \$100,000 TO FINANCE

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CITE TDCS-314/15048-69

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COUNTRY HAITI

DOI MID-AUGUST - MID-OCTOBER 1969

SUBJECT PLANS BY HAITIAN MILITARY OFFICER TO OVERTHROW THE DUVALIER
GOVERNMENT AND TO ESTABLISH A JUNTA

ACQ (23 OCTOBER 1969)

FIELD NO.

SOURCE A YOUNG HAITIAN EXILE LEADER WHO IS WELL EDUCATED AND WHO HAS A
WIDE VARIETY OF CONTACTS IN HAITIAN EXILE GROUPS IN EUROPE AND
THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. HIS REPORTING HAS BEEN RELIABLE. HE
OBTAINED THE INFORMATION FROM ONE OF HIS CONTACTS INSIDE HAITI
WHO HAS BECOME INVOLVED IN THE PLOTTING. SOURCE WAS AWARE THAT
THE INFORMATION WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO OFFICIALS OF THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

1. ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC DATE HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE ACTION,
COL. OCTAVE CAYARD, COMMANDER OF THE COAST GUARD, GEN.
GERARD CONSTANT, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES, AND
COL. GRACIA JACQUES, COMMANDER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD,
ARE LAYING PLANS TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT FRANCOIS

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COUNTRY Haiti

REPORT NO. OO- B-321/24207-69

SUBJECT New Opposition Group Allied With
Clemard Joseph Charles/Outline of
Charles's Future Political Plans

DATE DISTR. 27 AUG 1969

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REFERENCES

Supplement to: OO-B-321/06913-69
OO-B-321/14515-69

DATE OF INFO. Late Jul 69

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PLACE & DATE ACQ. Port-au-Prince/Late Jul 69

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE Naturalized US citizen of Haitian birth, who makes frequent trips to Haiti. Source maintains close contact with Haitians in the US and with prominent business and political figures in Haiti.

1. Opponents of Haitian President Francois Duvalier have formed a new political opposition group. The following are members: Colonel Cayard (Commandant of the Haitian Coast Guard); Captain Daniel (assistant to Cayard); Gerard Constant (Haitian Army Chief of Staff); Colonel Kemner Blain (in charge of Haitian Army quarter-master depots); and Colonel Gracia Jacques (Commandant of the Presidential Palace Guard). [See OO-B-321/06913-69 (paragraph 2-e) and OO-B-321/14515-69 (paragraph 3) for earlier data concerning some of the members of this group.]
2. This group is now working with Clemard Joseph Charles and has formulated, largely under the direction of the latter, a tentative political plan for the organization of a post-Duvalier Haiti. The group is anxious to act, because some of the members, notably Daniel and Cayard, fear that they will be arrested in the not-too-distant future. The entire membership displays, however, the trait common to all Haitian opposition groups: they will not act until President Duvalier dies, becomes totally incapacitated or is overthrown by somebody else. Jacques is an important addition to the group. He is completely loyal to President Duvalier, but has no use for the other members of the Duvalier family. Consequently, he will play no active part unless the President in some manner disappears from the scene.
3. This group still wishes to exercise power during a transitional period following President Duvalier's departure [see OO-B-321/14515-69 (paragraph 3)]. Charles does not want to hold any political appointment during this transition period, but plans to recover his position as the head of the Haitian Chamber of Commerce and travel abroad, to raise money for foreign economic assistance to Haiti. He plans to establish a political party, to be known as TOP (Travail,

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Supplement to: OOB-321/07210-69

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

Naturalized US citizen of Haitian birth, who makes frequent trips to Haiti. Source maintains close contact with Haitians in the US and with prominent business and political figures in Haiti.

1. As part of his effort to obtain foreign exchange, Haiti's President Duvalier has decided to award a gambling concession. A US syndicate, consisting of a New York City firm, Keynote Associates, and of Count Nichol Levitch, Bishop of the American Orthodox Church, has been trying to obtain the concession. [Collector's Note: see reference for additional details.]
2. The Bishop has severed his connections with Keynote, which bombarded President Duvalier with telegrams and made an unannounced trip to Haiti to obtain the concession.
3. [However,], Keynote received a telegram from Antonic Andre, Director of the Bank of the Republic of Haiti. This message informed them that they would not receive the concession. President Duvalier relies very heavily upon Andre for advice and guidance in economic matters.
4. Almost at the same time that Keynote received Andre's telegram, Cleard Joseph-Charles notified the Bishop that he would receive the concession on the following terms:
 - a. A new group of associates of the Bishop will receive 80 percent of the gross receipts from the concession.
 - b. The Government of Haiti will receive 10 percent of the gross receipts.
 - c. The Bishop and his chief partner will receive five percent of the gross receipts.

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COUNTRY	Haiti	REPORT NO.	OO-B-321/10768-69
SUBJECT	Possible Improvement in Fortunes of Clement Joseph-Charles/Possible Reason for President Duvalier's Harsh Treat- ment of Charles/Zelipoe of Luc-Albert Poucard	DATE DISTR.	22 APR 1969
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PLACE & DATE ACQ	Port-au-Prince, Haiti/Apr 69		

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE Naturalized US citizen of Haitian birth, who makes frequent trips to Haiti. Source maintains close contact with Haitians in the US and with prominent business and political figures in Haiti.

1. During recent weeks, the fortunes of Clement Joseph-Charles seem to have improved. He has been playing a not unimportant role in the award of the Haitian gambling concession (Collector's Note: see reference.), an activity which is designed to bring to Haiti some badly-needed foreign exchange. Although I do not believe that he sees President Duvalier as frequently as he used to prior to his incarceration, he does seem to have recovered some of the confidence which the President used to repose in him.
2. One reason for President Duvalier's dislike of Charles (and one possible reason why the President eventually threw him in jail) is that Charles was instrumental in bringing about the marriage of the President's daughter, Marie-Denise Duvalier, to Colonel Max Dominique. Charles and Marie-Denise have been close friends for many years. Marie-Denise became pregnant by Dominique and went to Charles for help. Charles then intervened with President Duvalier, who was furious, and persuaded him to agree to the marriage. The President was bitterly angry at Dominique and somewhat unjustly blamed Charles for the marriage. He agreed to the necessity for the wedding, but resented his new son-in-law and, by association, so to speak, resented Charles. The President and Dominique have formally reconciled. The President met Colonel Dominique at the airport, when the latter returned to Haiti, and made a point of inviting his son-in-law to ride in the presidential limousine from the airport to the palace. The purpose was to demonstrate the burial of old grudges. It remains to be seen, however, whether or not the reconciliation was genuine and whether or not the President has really forgiven his son-in-law.

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