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7. SOURCE: Dominican Businessman; Secretariat of the Armed Forces; ARMA Observations

15. SUMMARY:

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

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105-350165 (Henriquez) plus 66112-1423 (DANIELSON) 64-36360 (CUMMINS)

1. (C) 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 Revolution of 1965 many of the Government's small arms and munitions were stolen or diverted to revolutionaries and have been used since for terrorist purposes, mostly in Santo Domingo. The Arms Manufacturing Plant at San Cristobal and the Chemical and Explosives Plant at Villa Mella have been on a caretaker basis since the early 60's and are not capable of arms or explosives production without major infusions of money, new machinery and foreign expertise. Following President BALAGUER's election in 1966 and his austerity program, the military was forced to draw in their

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18. ATTACHMENT DATA:

2 Enclosures
1. (C) Letter from Q.M. General of War Materials for the Armed Forces to Mr. Hernan 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, ie., 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 the dealer to go to Germany to verify the information and to return with 2 sample rifles so they can be examined for suitability. *Dom Rep*

4. (C) Import Authorization for FAL Rifle from Merix A.G. of Germany. Enclosure 2 is an authorization by Major General Enrique PEREZ y Perez, Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, to import 1 FAL Cal 7.62 rifle, stock and hand grip wooden with flash hider; 5 magazine of 20 shots each; 2 magazine carriers, canvas of 2 magazine capacity; one bipod; one canvas sling; one cartridge filler; and one rifle cleaning kit to be 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. *Dom Rep*

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

"TODO POR LA PATRIA"

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21 de abril de 1970.-

C O N F I D E N C I A L

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 ARRIZA.

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 a 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 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 queremos dejarlo fuera de esta transacción (instrucciones superiores) y es por eso que le estoy enviando

Encl. No. 1 to. D.E.O. Santo Domingo, D.R.

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