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FROM: Chief, Inspection and Review Staff

SUBJECT: Alleged Indications of
         Chief of Station, Ciudad Trujillo,
         Dominican Republic.

INTRODUCTION:

1. This is a report on inquiries into alleged indications of
   Chief of Station, Ciudad Trujillo.

2. This inquiry was conducted at Ciudad Trujillo between the
   dates of 11 and 15 March 1957, by representatives of the IAFF Staff
   and NE Division.

III. Allegations of Mr. William PAULRY, Former U.S. Ambassador.

   1. On 25 February 1957, Mr. William PAULRY, Former U.S. Am-
      bassador to Brazil, in conversation with the Director had stated
      in part that

         ... was a bully boy and an extremely
         conceited boy... he wants to be in the middle of everything and
         he talks to everybody in the world... he is always trying to
         milk me for information because he sees I am from the Govern-
         ment and he is trying to get information out of me... I have
         seen few people who were less discreet... I believe that he is
         not a man who can evaluate a situation on its merits... not
         only the Dominicans are scared to death of him but all the
         Americans are scared of him. I am scared of him, and I am
         afraid to talk to the guy and that isn't the type of man you
         want in CIA.

III. Ambassador FRAZIER's Conversation with Foreign Minister of
     the Dominican Republic.
the presence in the Dominican Republic of BRET and REFT was desirable. The Foreign Minister further informed the ambassador that

5. The Ambassador's dispatches to the Department of State indicated that he did not share the views of the Foreign Minister. The dispatches, however, reveal the extent to which the Dominican Republic would apparently pursue a course of action against U.S. personnel whom they considered sympathetic toward the present Dominican regime.

IV. Mission Relations in the Dominican Republic.

6. Since the unsuccessful attempt to bribe BRET made by the Chief of Dominican Republic's Intelligence Services about a year ago, and since the disappearance of Jesus Maria de GALICENZ, an alleged Basque Intelligence agent, a marked coolness has developed in BRET's liaison relations with the Dominicans. Newspaper and magazine reports in the United States on the political atmosphere in the Dominican Republic (such as those above in the attaches) and on the mysterious disappearances of a U.S. citizen, Gerald BRETZ, coupled with BRET's participation in that case, appear further to have impaired the liaison relationship. These developments have been previously reported to the M Division by BRET in detailed dispatches.

V. Results of Interviews with Embassy Personnel.

In order to determine whether or not BRET has been indiscreet as alleged, the following officers of the U.S. Embassy in Ciudad Trujillo were interviewed:

William T. PHILPOTT, Ambassador
Francis L. SPALDING, Counsellor of Embassy and First Secretary
Robert McCALLISTER, Second Secretary
Harry M. LOFTON, Second Secretary and Consul
Richard H. STEPHEN, Second Secretary for Economic Affairs
Commander Ralph G. McGUIRE, U.S. Naval Attaché

6. These officers, without exception, spoke highly of BRET and of his integrity, loyalty, cooperation and capability. They stated that he was energetic, he had extensive contacts and sources, and he maintained a wide coverage of the local scene. None of the persons interviewed recalled any incident which would indicate that BRET was indiscreet. Several officers mentioned that BRET was an incessant talker and that he has annoyed people with seemingly inexcusable accounts of history and social sciences. (The study of
history and social sciences has long been a hobby with EKVT.) The Naval attaché stated that the extensive knowledge of history by EKVT probably was above the comprehension of some of the Army Service officers, and he could easily understand their annoyance as he, in conversations with EKVT, has had to placate ignorance of some of the finer points to which EKVT addressed himself.

9. On the other hand, Embassy officials have found EKVT to be "secretive". His reluctance to reveal sources of information was amusing to Embassy officers. Intelligence which EKVT obtained frequently was found to be valuable and timely. The reluctance of EKVT to reveal his sources, although admittedly he was within his rights to withhold such sensitive data, did cause misunderstanding among some officials as to his service for the Embassy.

10. Except as noted above EKVT was held in high esteem by his associates. They felt that in his discussions with Americans and Dominicans he was discreet.

11. The Ambassador was particularly high in his praise of EKVT. He stated that EKVT was an asset to the Embassy and that he (the Ambassador) really used EKVT as a Special Assistant in both social and official functions. He stated that "If Allen Dulles gave me the pick of his boys, I would choose Honor EKVT".

VI. Interviews with personnel outside the Embassy.

12. In addition to Embassy personnel, Mr. Roger HICLS, Manager of the Tatro Company in Ciudad Trujillo, who has formerly been cleared by CIA, and his wife, Stephanie, a former CIA employee were interviewed independently of each other. Mr. HICLS said that EKVT was highly regarded in the American business community and that no one had any fear of being in his company. HICLS stated that he played golf with the members of the American business community and had never heard EKVT's name mentioned as a person to avoid. Stephanie HICLS teaches at the American school and spends considerable time playing bridge with the wives of American businessmen. She said that apart from a dislike which some people have for EKVT because of the amount of talking that he does about history and related subjects, he was well liked in the community and she has never heard it said that he was indiscreet or a person to be avoided.

VII. Briefing of Ambassador FRAYER following the interviews.

13. Following the above interviews the Ambassador was informed that the inquiry produced no evidence of indiscretion on the part of EKVT. He stated that he was very pleased to hear this and that he had hoped that such an inquiry would clear him. The Ambassador was
II. discussions with Mr. PAMELY.

16. According to and other Embassy officials, there are many U.S. citizens who have vested interests in the Dominican Republic, among whom several are mentioned as apologists for the Dominican for business reasons. Two of those frequently mentioned during the course of this inquiry were Mr. Robert CHRISTENSEN, a former Foreign Service officer, and Mr. William PAMELY, a former U.S. ambassador. is particularly aware of the latter's close-
ness to General TRUJILLO, stated that he had discussed with PAMELY on a number of occasions some of the implications of revo-
lutions in Latin America. This was done because believed that
PAULIN's long service in the U.S. government and his position justified confidence in him. So far as I was aware, he believed that he gave no cause for Mr. PAULIN to dub him either for or against PAULIN as a former U.S. Ambassador, believes he leaned over backwards in not presenting an anti-PAULIN position because he was aware of PAULIN's close ties with INSLY.

II. He did state that at one time he asked PAULIN for information on the CALDER case. In that particular conversation, when he informally and "quite bluntly" requested this information, Mr. PAULIN stated that he did not mix business and politics, and that in the Dominican Republic he was in business. In view of the answer he received he wished he had not asked the question.

III. In the opinion of the FBI and FBI representatives it is a moot question whether or not that question posed to PAULIN was indiscreet. Regarded after the event, it probably was indiscreet. But regarded in the light of Mr. PAULIN's previous sensitive employment and stature in the U.S. government and previous relations with, it was a question which probably could have been asked by the most discreet U.S. employee in similar circumstances.
e. The recent difficulty with the Government of the Dominican Republic has not terminated the usefulness of MBT. It has impaired his official liaison relations but not to the extent of requiring his removal at this time which the Dominican Government is apparently trying to bring about.

II. Recommendations.

30. It is recommended that:

a. Honor MBT complete his present tour of duty which will expire on 20 September 1957.

b. CIA evaluate the necessity for maintaining representation in the Dominican Republic.

c. The question of MBT's future assignment be evaluated and resolved by Chief, IA Division on the basis of overall performance.

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   Chief, Inspection and Review Staff

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--- The Director:

In view of your decision to continue CIA representation in the Dominican Republic, our evaluation will be directed at whether or not a new man should be identified to the Dominican authorities as Brett was.

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