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HAITI TO REQUEST RECALL OF U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS

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Please make contact with Mr. IRVING DAVIDSON((B)), Washington representative, address Suite 306, City Building, 1612 K Street N.W., Washington 6, D.C., District 7-3400, and give him in the name of the Haitian Government the following highly confidential message:

"The Haitian Government has had to request of Charge d'Affaires CURTIS the recall of three United States Embassy officials, JOHN W, WARREN, Military Attache, STANLEY D. MOSS, Cultural Attache, and JOHN HASEC ((C)), Political Counsellor. The State Department replied that the new Ambassador has been instructed to discuss this question after he presents his credentials, but that these officials will not be recalled unless they are declared personae non grata, and that the State Department will make reprisals.

Please explain to you know who the necessity of making a cleaning-out of the Embassy so that Haitian-United States relations may be resumed on a friendly and cordial basis.

The three officials have figured in the arousing of a frankly hostile feeling toward the Haitian Government. Military Attache WARREN has talked with high-ranking officers of the Haitian Army in an effort to corrupt them and hatch a plot against this Government. JOHN HASEC, a former member of the Foreign Legion who came here directly from Viet Nam, has no visible source in the Embassy. He is drunk morning,
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noon and night. We suspect that he has some special assignment. He has talked about it in the course of conversations at the Hotel El Rancho. Cultural Attaché MOSS is a declared enemy of the Haitian Government. The latest number of the magazine "Actualites", edited by the U.S. Embassy Cultural Service in memory of KENNEDY is an illustration of his spirit of hostility. At his clear choice only intellectuals who are enemies of this Government collaborated on this number. It contained cables of condolence from many chiefs of state, but not that of President DUVALIER. There was no mention of the manifestations of numerous organizations in memory of KENNEDY, as, for example, the three days of mourning, the funeral service, etc.

We are requesting the departure also of NORMAN WARNER because of the categorical position of opposition to this Government which he took during the events of April and May.

Ambassador TIMMONS has produced a bad impression. He seems to be the man least fitted to work for a Haitian-United States rapprochement on a durable basis. We believe it would be advisable that he be recalled even before he presents his credentials and that a political personage of blended spirit who is capable of understanding be designated.

Report immediately on the result of your demarches."

THEARD is requested to explain to Mr. IRVING the United States position on recall and reprisals and to keep the Haitian Government informed constantly.

Please translate into English for Mr. IRVING. [75]

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- A public relations man who is an agent for Haiti in (B)) the United States.
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