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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. McGeorge Bundy
Special Assistant to the President
The White House

SUBJECT: Haitian Exile Activity Against Duvalier Government

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1. This updates and amplifies my memorandum of 2 April 1963, subject as above, regarding the activity of certain Haitian exiles in New York City and in the Dominican Republic.

2. On 5 April, Pierre Rigaud, the UDN (Union Democratique Nationale) coordinator in Santo Domingo, was interviewed in New York City together with General Leon Cantave and, his brother, Roger Rigaud, with whom we had previously spoken. This paper is based on the results of the talk.

3. The objectives and activities of the UDN were explained in my earlier memorandum. The purpose of Pierre Rigaud's quick trip to New York -- he arrived on Thursday evening, 4 April and departed for Santo Domingo on Saturday afternoon, 6 April -- was (1) to brief him and to secure his support for the decision made among the group in New York in January and February that General Leon Cantave be vested with sole authority in directing operations against the Haitian regime and (2) to update Cantave regarding Pierre Rigaud's activity in the Dominican

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Republic, in particular the progress of his talks with the Dominican President, Juan Bosch.

4. As far as we know Pierre Rigaud, during his brief stay in New York, did not have conversations with Haitians other than his brother, Roger, and General Cantave. The results of Pierre Rigaud's New York stay and the most significant details gained from the conversation are:

a. Pierre Rigaud was in complete accord with the decision reached in New York placing the control of anti-Duvalier operations in the hands of General Cantave.

b. General Cantave stated he had been assured sufficient funds for his trip to the Dominican Republic and to certain other places in the Caribbean, by General Magloire. Cantave now has his United States re-entry assured and he expected to depart for Santo Domingo as soon as he had received a Dominican entry visa. (We learned on 10 April that the visa had already been issued. We assume this is the result of action Pierre Rigaud had promised to undertake immediately after his return to the Dominican capital.)

c. Pierre Rigaud declined on security grounds to discuss with our representative any details regarding current underground work in Haiti. He was very confident and satisfied in the flat assertion that work was going on satisfactorily inside Haiti. The UDN leaflet operation had been very successful. Pierre Rigaud

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also acknowledged that he had purchased program time on the Dominican radio for broadcasts to Haiti in Spanish.

d. Pierre Rigaud stated he had seen President Bosch twice regarding Dominican support for a Haitian exile plan of action against the Duvalier Government. He expected to have the third and conclusive talk with Bosch "next week" (i.e., 7 - 13 April).

In a separate conversation, Roger Rigaud stated that Bosch had wanted a "phased plan". Pierre Rigaud had presented a detailed action plan to Bosch at the first meeting. Bosch considered the plan feasible, but at the second meeting he indicated he wanted to check it out himself. He had sent his own personal agent to Haiti to do a situation survey and he deferred any decision to a talk with Pierre Rigaud which he promised after the return of his man, who was expected that weekend or early in the week of 7 - 13 April.

Pierre Rigaud declined to specify what assistance Bosch had promised or was considering. However, he quoted Bosch as having said to him: "We must not fail." General Cantave stated that he believed Rodriguez's report on this matter (see reference) was, on the whole, probably an accurate representation of the kind and limits of the assistance Bosch was prepared to give.

e. Pierre Rigaud (and also Cantave and Roger Rigaud)

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was sober and grim at the prospect raised during the discussion that Daniel Fignole might join Louis Dejoie in Santo Domingo. (Fignole and Dejoie are, in effect, the Katzenjammer Kids of the last decade of Haitian politics inside and outside the country.) Pierre Rigaud said he had been asked about Dejoie, by Bosch. He believed that Dejoie had not gained assurances of support from Bosch. If Fignole was going to come to the Dominican Republic, Pierre Rigaud said he would "like to know in advance."

f. In response to a direct question, Pierre Rigaud stated that his urgent and sole need at the moment was "money". (He did not ask for it, however.)

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