

Dick Bernard

From: Fr. Michael Graves [harchim@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 03, 2004 10:10 AM
To: Dick Bernard
Subject: Re: FW: Star Tribune Article

Dear Dick,

Greetings from Haiti this morning. Thanks for the article from the Star Tribune. It is actually rather good, except in the first part where it lends support to those who question the veracity of Aristide's statement that he was kidnapped. They "save themselves" in the rest of the article, even implying that if Aristide IS lying, it sure has put the Bush Administration in a bad spot.

HOWEVER, Aristide is NOT lying and we have eye-witness proof of that. Several police-friends of mine at the National Palace witnessed the removal of Aristide, his hands in handcuffs and at the point of guns, and off to a waiting helicopter to take him to a waiting plane (a white corporate jet) and off to (first stop) Martinique where it had been cleared for landing by the French government, of which Martinique is a part. From Martinique he was taken to the Central African Republique where he was given temporary asylum.

Louis Moreno, CIA agent and second in command at the US Embassy, says that is a lie; that Aristide was taken from Tabarre with his suitcases packed. (That is a lie!) It would be rather easy to check to see if suitcases arrived with Aristide and Mildred in CAR. Has President Aristide been living in the same clothes since Sunday; do he and Mildred have a change of underwear?

I'm afraid that the US DID kidnap them, and thois would be a good way to sheck on the veracity of the story. If Aristide had time to pack his bags (which Moreno says were waiting at the door of his Tabare home, then I might question the veracity of the kidnap charge. But a caretaker there watched the whole scene and can name the ambassador AND Lou Moreno because he saw them and the military with them....with guns.) And don't forget that Lou Moreno, by his own statement regarding the suitcases, was OBVIOUSLY there! (Lou Moreno is a sinister character and I know him personally. I saw him in the Sunrise Market on Monday morning while the rebels were entering Petion-Ville in a triumphant caravan. He was with the rebels, but stopped-off (in his bullet-proof vest and special unit clothes) at the market to get some staples. He saw me there and spoke to me...but kept moving!

No, there is no question as to the truth of the kidnapping story. An easy and secret check with the CAR...and maybe South Africa to see how many suitcases the Aristide's took with them would make a big point.

Here in Haiti, the opposition folks have spread the word that Aristide took \$350,000,000 US with him when he left. That's the same as they have said for anyone that left! But I find it difficult to believe that he had \$350,000,000 stashed-away in his home at Tabarre, even under his mattress! \$350,000,000 cash would fill a lot of suitcases!

Maybe you could get some of this information to the

Orthodox Priest Fr. Michael Graves lived continuously in Haiti from about 1986 until his death in late November, 2004. He most likely wrote this from his home in Petionville. His death is not believed to have been from natural causes.

Reference to Minneapolis Star Tribune editorial on Haiti, March 3, 2004.

U.S. official Louis Moreno and Guy Philippe seen together the day after the coup d'etat.

The March 4, 2004 St. Petersburg FL Times showed a photo of moldy money, estimated by a Haitian banker to be as much as \$350,000, allegedly found in a hidden safe at President Aristide's home. Likely, Fr. Graves knew nothing of this specific allegation at the time he mentioned \$350,000,000.

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And by the way, yesterday the rebel commander, Guy Phillippe had a press conference in the morning and declared himself the "Chief of the Haitian Military". A bit later in the day the US Military...and the White House, declared that "Guy Phillippe is not the chief of anything, except a group of rag-tag thugs!" Phillippe and his thugs has commandeered the former military headquarters across from the National Palace, and now I think the US and other foreign troops realize that they have a crazy man on their hands, and I believe they will see some serious fighting because the rebels believe they are the saviours of Haiti and Phillippe has said that the US has no right to say who is and who is not in charge of anything in Haiti.

I think we will soon see some serious fighting here, or the rebels will run and hide. Let's face it, some of those rebels and others whom they freed from prison, are proven murderers, and there are those here who are just waiting to "get" them. I KNOW, for instance, that Louis Jodel Chamblain killed Antoine Izmary with his own hand. I was there at Sacred Heart Church and saw them take Antoine outside and shoot him dead! (Don't spread my name with that information, or I could be the next one!)

It will be a long, hot Spring here in Haiti!

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--- Dick Bernard <dick@chez-nous.net> wrote:
> Today's Minneapolis Star Tribune lead editorial
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: dick bernard [mailto:dick@chez-nous.net]
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The killing of Antoine Izmery occurred September 11, 1993, outside Sacred Heart Church.