

Through the first quarter of Dominican Diary Szulc has a clear and clever pattern. He is critical of US intervention. But with considerable skill he exculpates the CIA by simply not mentioning it. He fixes blame on State and the military. In laying it on Ambassador Bennett and on the fake Communist issue, he is careful not to indicate Bennett's sources for his misinformation or even to suggest that Bennett, who had no real Dominican contacts, could have had sources. Consistent with this, where he has to mention CIA, it is protective. He describes the embassy staff after having mentioned that it had a CIA station. But the staff described has no CIA, coming from State and foreign aid. He says the station chief had to leave Bolivia because of "policy" differences but does not indicate their nature. It is a subtle job that would not be apparent to those not looking for evidence that he had this intent. HW 11/5/73