Excerpt from review of "Trujillo: The Life and Times of a Caribbean Dictator",
by Robert D. Crassweller (Macmillan).

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      The U.S. Government finally turned against Trujullo only
when he went completely mad and ordered the assassination of
President Romulo Betancourt of Venezuela.   Understandably,
the Organization of American States took a dim view of this
action; and, though Trujillo still had powerful friends in
Washington, the U.S. was forced to vote with the other
members of the OAS for sanctions against the Dominican
Republic.
      Crassweller is curiously reticent about what happened
after that, and this is the one major defect in his book.
He writes: "Reports would circulate after Trujillo's death,
finding their way into print in the United States and
receiving considerable acceptance in the Dominican Republic,
that the hand of the Central Intelligence Agency of the
United States was behind the undertaking and that the guns
used in it were smuggled in by that inscrutable agency.
Copious details were cited in these speculations, the
generally assumed motive being the desire to rid the
Caribbean of Trujillo in order to strike more effectively at
Castro in this year of the Bay of Pigs."
      That is all Crassweller says, and it's not enough.   For
there were more than reports and speculations.   The
correspondents who covered the aftermath of Trujillo's death
talked with Americans, prominent Americans, who told of helping
the CIA and the State Department smuggle in the arms used by
the assassins.   General Arturo Espaillat, who specialized in
spying on the U.S. for Trujillo, publicly charged Washington
with complicity in the killing.
      Perhaps the charge is untrue but, under the circumstances,
it certainly demands a good deal more exploration than
Crassweller gives it.   Helping to assassinate the ruler of
another country is hardly a matter that should be dismissed in
passing, even if the ruler is Trujillo and the country is the
Dominican Republic.