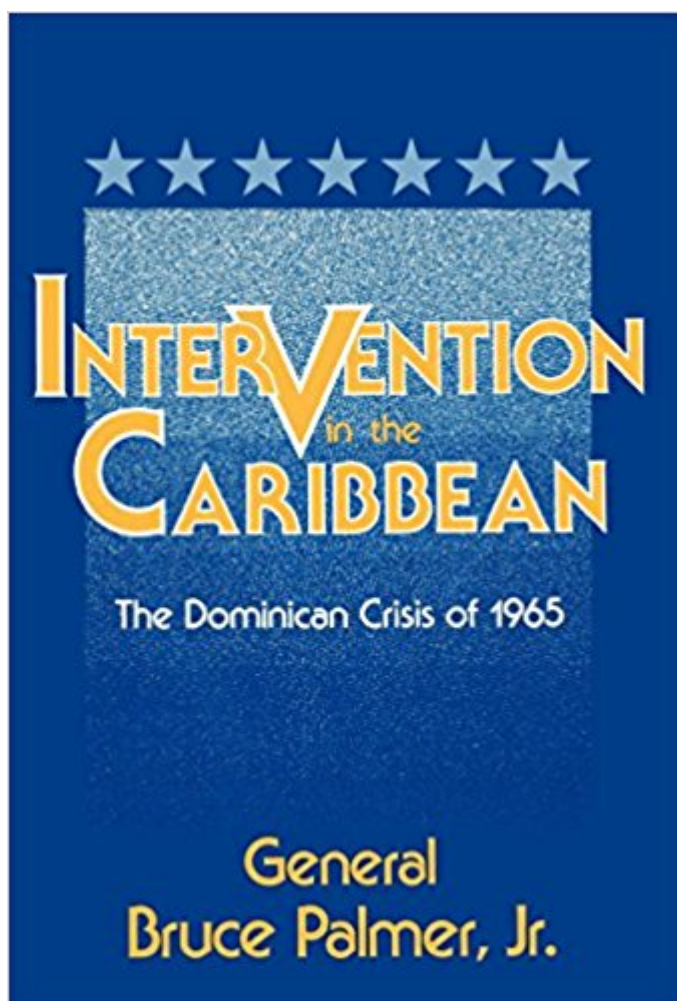


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## Synopsis

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This '65- '66 US intervention was probably planned a couple years before afternational -populist J. Bosch won the '63 elections and a military coup followed- THE USA knew the pro-Washington military had weak popular support as was divided. .As for Proofs of, '39 or so communists being on the Island' !!! that any ethical reason for the 'free world' to wipe out - repress a few thousand lives there, mostly civilians. ?Anyway there is deeper reality as this started as civil strife- political-and ECONOMIC and the USA was not going to allow the populist influence spreading. then even into the Military around nationalist Col. Caamaño, et al, be any example to other Latin countries, etc. Caamaño's guerillas only organized & became pro-Cuban a few years AFTER the US takeover, and its installing of the puppet Balaguer's despotic regime.

Great read for military historians about a little known event.

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