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**"Generalissimo Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Molina.
In full formal uniform with plumed hat."**

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Author's Note

One is never sure that one has done better. One must sleep it. It is hell on a night after a lifetime chasing stories and too often dominated by nightmares or being chased by one side or the other.

As one who learned the craft of journalism, I have learned to live life to above all protect one's soul from the death of a source because that is the first. It has happened and I cannot forget.

There are correspondent wars compared to get the story, no matter how far they fly off at the command of their editors. It is as impersonal as a grocery list.

While covering wars here as well as in Colombia, Haiti and the rest of the world, the motto was: "Don't become the story." It is a high price. This of course was before the invention of the Internet.