CUBA CLOSES EMBASSY

Affairs in Dominican Republic to Be Assumed by Panama

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HAVANA, Aug. 20—Dr. Gonzalo Guell, Minister of State, announced today that the Cuban Embassy in the Dominican Republic had been provisionally closed.

Panama will assume charge of Cuban affairs in the Dominican Republic, Dr. Guell said. Dr. Mario de Arce, Cuban chargé d' affaires, returned to Cuba last week.

Dr. Guell denied any change in relations between Cuba and the Dominican Republic and said the closing was for the "convenience of the diplomatic service."