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SUBJECT: Guatemalan Labor Federation Requests Expulsion From Guatemala of Alleged Cuban Gangsters.

The General Labor Confederation of Guatemala (Confederación General de Trabajadores de Guatemala (CGTG), on April 17, 1952 issued a protest against the presence in this country of the Cuban national Jesús GONZALEZ Cartas, charging that he was the principal leader of a band of gangsters known in Cuba as the Acción Revolucionaria Guiteras, and demanded that he and his companions be expelled from the country.

The CGTG stated that González Cartas had planned and carried out the assassination of many workers, students and political opponents of the Prío Socarras regime, and that he and the three men who accompanied him, José CASTELLANOS, Fulgencio CRUZ and Raoul HERNANDEZ, were neither revolutionaries nor political exiles but "paid assassins of a despotic regime, robbers of the money of the Cuban people and common thieves who plundered the retirement fund of the street railway workers of Habana". Their deportation was requested on the grounds that they constituted "a danger for workers, students and democratic organizations and for businessmen who may be victims of extortion".

Sr. Ricardo CHAVES Nachmann, Minister of Interior, issued a statement to the press April 19, 1952 that he had not received the petition of the CGTG and that he could not deport any individual unless evidence justifying such action were submitted. The independent daily Prensa Libre subsequently reported that González Cartas and one of his companions were living on a private farm and that the other two Cubans had left for Argentina.

In connection with the demand of the CGTG, it is of interest that on March 31, 1952, a junior officer of the Protocol Section of the Guatemalan Ministry of Foreign Relations called at the Embassy with the Cuban passports of Jesús Fermín Gonzalez Cartas and Raoul Carlos Hernández Rodríguez and requested that visitor's visas be issued for their travel to the United States.

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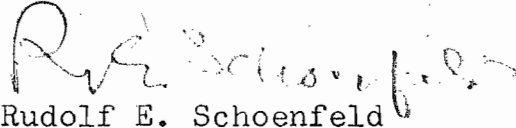
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He said that Capt. Alfonso MARTINEZ, Private Secretary of the Presidency had instructed him to see about the visas and was particularly anxious that they be issued. In reply to a cabled request made at Capt. Martínez' expense, our Embassy at Habana suggested that action be suspended and in a subsequent Operations Memorandum indicated that the files of the Cuban Bureau of Investigation showed that both men were considered to be members of "revolutionary organizations", a euphemism for "gangsters". An officer of the Embassy accordingly informed the Foreign Office orally that it had been impossible to obtain clearance for the issuance of visas to Sres. González Cartas and Hernández Rodríguez and, in view of the publicity their presence in this country has attracted it is not expected that further efforts to obtain visas for them will be made at this Embassy.

The passport statistics of the two men are attached.


Rudolf E. Schoenfeld

Enclosure: as stated

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Passport Data: JESUS FERMIN GONZALEZ CARTAS^{1/}

Cuban passport No. 8332, issued by the Ministry of State at Habana, August 3, 1945 and extended for one year March 21, 1952.

Personal Description:

Name of parents: Valentín and Emma
Place of birth: Habana, Cuba
Date of birth: July 27, 1923
Civil status: Single
Profession: Student
Height: 5' 8"
Complexion: White
Eyes: Green
Hair: Brown
Beard: Clean Shaven

Passport stamps indicate several visits to the United States in 1948 and 1949 and to Guatemala in July 1951. His last arrival in Guatemala was March 23, 1952.

Passport Data: RAOUL CARLOS HERNANDEZ Y RODRIGUEZ

Cuban passport No. 04104, issued by the Ministry of State at Habana, Cuba, March 18, 1952.

Personal Description:

Name of Parents: Romarico and Juana
Place of birth: Santiago de Cuba
Date of birth: May 25, 1924
Civil Status: Single
Profession: Merchant
Height: 5' 2/
Complexion: White
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Black

The passport showed no Guatemalan visa or entry stamp from the Guatemalan immigration authorities. The only stamp was from the Cuban Department of Immigration indicating departure from the Rancho Boyeros Airport, March 20, 1952.

^{1/} The name appears on the passport as "González y Carta" but the signature on the passport is very clearly "González Cartas".

^{2/} This is apparently an incomplete notation.

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