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Subject: Change of Name of Batista Field to Aeropuerto
Comandante Manuel S. Perez Alfonso.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that by Cuban Army
General Order No. 233 of November 25, 1946, the
name of the former American airbase was changed
from Batista Field to Aeropuerto Comandante Manuel
S. Perez Alfonso.

According to information obtained from the Mili-
tary Air Attaché, Major Manuel S. PEREZ Alfonso,
Chief of the Cuban Air Corps in 1940-41, was killed
in an airplane accident on December 23, 1941.

Although Colonel Camilo Gonzalez CHAVEZ, present
Chief of the Cuban Air Corps, stated that the change
in name was effected because according to Cuban law
no Government building, airfield, etc., may be named
for a living Cuban, it is believed that the underlying
reason is that a different political party is now in
office in Cuba.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

Morris N. Hughes
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Acting Commercial Attaché

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