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DATE: December 29, 1955

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SUBJECT: Compania Cubana de Aviacion to use Viscounts on Habana-Miami route.

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Embassy despatch 434 of December 16 reports that Compania Cubana de Aviacion has purchased three new Viscounts which will be delivered in March, April and May of 1956 and will be put into service on the Habana-Miami route, replacing the Company's two L-49 Constellations.

The Embassy points out that this change in equipment may allow the Cubans to make a profit on the Habana-Miami run and therefore may mean there will be less insistence on the part of the Cubans for a division of the traffic between Miami and Cuba when we enter into discussions with the Cubans early in January.

It is my understanding there is little likelihood of our agreeing to a division of traffic. Nevertheless, this action by the Cubans may be helpful in making our discussions less difficult.

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