

INCOMING TELEGRAM

Department of State

ACTION COPY

CONFIDENTIAL

59-M
Action

Control: 5057
Rec'd: June 6, 1959
2:37 p.m.

ARA
Info
SS
SP
INR
H
RMR

FROM: Habana
TO: Secretary of State
NO: 1519, June 6, Noon.

Handwritten signatures and initials

These Documents must be returned to the RMR Central Files

PRIORITY
FOR RUBOTTOM-LIMIT DISTRIBUTION

Yesterday evening I told Agramonte that while I was deeply appreciative of cordial constructive relationship he had permitted me establish with him, I believe he would agree under present circumstances essential I have access to Prime Minister Castro. I pointed out that decisions currently being taken by Castro have profound bearing on US-Cuban relations and on interests American citizens here. I said that I had been endeavoring to see Castro since his return from US on May 8, had made specific requests on May 13, 28 and June 1, had been promised on June 3 that Castro would receive me June 3 or 4. This promise unfulfilled. I concluded that under these circumstances I believed I was not carrying out my mission here.

Agramonte expressed regrets and considerable embarrassment. He said he would continue to press for interview. He added that he himself had been unable reach Castro all day in order discuss serious crisis in Cuban-Dominican relations.

I intend press this point energetically using other channels to reach Castro.

For Department's information press states Castro's program today included pitching three innings with Camilo Cienfuegos as catcher in exhibition baseball game part of Agrarian reform festival. Castro's team will consist of Barbudos and catcher will be Camilo Cienfuegos. Following game Castro will make speech.

611.37/6-659

CLASSIFIED FILE

CAA

JUN 10 1959

BONSAL

UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED" REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED.

BB:FKG/11

CONFIDENTIAL

PERMANENT

RECORD COPY • This copy must be returned to RM/R central files with notation of action taken •

Copy No(s) 45
Destroyed in RM/R
Name
Date 6/9/59