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TO

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON.

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SUBJECT:

NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF TALKS BETWEEN CUBAN LABOR LEADER AND
UNITED STATES OFFICIALS REGARDING REVISION OF THE AIR TRANS-
PORT AGREEMENT

The Habana daily, Diario Nacional, reported on July 13 that Calixto SANCHEZ Whyte, Secretary General of the National Federation of Aviation Workers, had discussed with officials of the Department of State the question of revising the Cuban-United States Air Transport Agreement. A copy of the newspaper article is enclosed.

Members of the Cuban Government who are in charge of civil aviation matters disclaim any prior knowledge of Mr. Sanchez' intention to discuss this question during his visit in Washington. The reference to a revision taking place in November of this year apparently came as a surprise to them, and the Embassy has been unofficially informed by Dr. Francisco VELASCO of the Cuban Civil Aeronautics Commission that there is no change in the Commission's stand that further discussions will not be undertaken until the Department has had an opportunity to reply to the Cuban proposal that the Air Agreement be modified with regard to the Habana-Miami route.

For the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.:

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Enclosure

Article from Diario Nacional
dated July 13, 1955.

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Buscan mejor convenio aéreo entre Cuba y E.U.

Está próximo su vencimiento y se gestiona una revisión en la Cancillería norteamericana. Tiene buena acogida oficial

Durante su estancia en la capital de los Estados Unidos, atendiendo a la importante misión que le fuera encomendada por la CTC, relacionada con la defensa de la cuota azucarera cubana, el líder de la Federación Aérea Nacional, Calixto Sánchez, se encuentra realizando actividades y gestiones que se consideran eficaces, llevadas a cabo en nombre del organismo proletario que representa, para interesar de la Cancillería norteamericana que, al producirse en fecha próxima el vencimiento del convenio bilateral aéreo entre ambos países, se haga una revisión total de sus estipulaciones vigentes, introduciéndose aquellas justas regulaciones, necesarias y equitativas, que deben corresponder a Cuba ac-

tualmente, de acuerdo con el volumen y los requerimientos de su navegación aérea comercial y la reciprocidad que merece en cuanto a la capacidad de equipos, frecuencia de vuelos, regulación de asientos y rutas nuevas.

En su informe desde Washington el líder aéreo, Calixto Sánchez, reporta que sus gestiones en tal sentido, hasta el momento, están obteniendo una buena acogida oficial, y que las mismas deben considerarse como un positivo aporte de la Federación Aérea Nacional en el camino de ir creando, desde ahora, las circunstancias propicias y adecuadas a la justa revisión, en el mes de noviembre, del convenio bilateral aéreo entre los Estados Unidos y Cuba.



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NO.:

SUBJECT: Newspaper Report of Conversation between Cuban Labor Leader and
Department of State Official regarding revision of Air Transport
Agreement

TO: The American Embassy, HABANA

Reference is made to the Embassy's despatch No. 44, dated July 18, 1955 in which it transmitted an article taken from the "Diario Nacional" on July 13 reporting that Calixto SANCHEZ Whyte, Secretary General of the National Federation of Aviation Workers, had discussed with the officials of the Department of State the question of revising the U.S.-Cuban Bilateral Air Transport Agreement.

There is transmitted for the Embassy's information a copy of a Memorandum of Conversation covering a meeting on July 13 with Señor Sanchez Whyte. It will be noted from the memorandum that Señor Sanchez, together with two other labor leaders, was in Washington to discuss the sugar problem and very informally had a short discussion on aviation matters. There was no proposal made for the modification of the air transport agreement nor was there any mention of discussions to be held in November.

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✓ Memorandum of Conversation
dated July 13, 1955.

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