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SUBJECT: Anti-American Book to be Used as Textbook in Cuban Schools

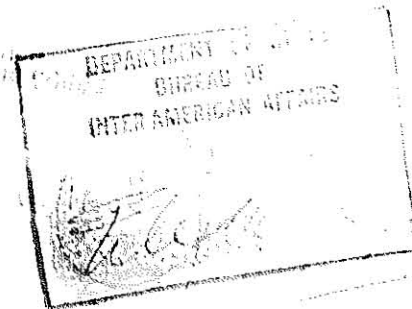
Enclosed is a report by the Embassy's Cultural Attaché, George A. Rylance, on the anti-American aspects of the Geografía de Cuba of Antonio Nuñez Jimenez. The report undertakes to compare the 1954 edition (which was shortly suppressed by the Batista Government) with the 1959, which the Embassy understands will shortly be officially approved for use as a textbook in Cuban schools. The author is one of the top revolutionary leaders of Cuba, and occupies the position of director of the agricultural branch of the colossal National Institute of Agrarian Reform, under the overall direction of Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

Because of the official stamp of approval which is about to be placed on this work as a secondary school textbook, the Embassy suggests that it be authorized by the Department to make a representation to the Cuban Government in the sense that Nuñez Jimenez's concepts of Cuban-American relations appear to us (a) inexact and (b) unlikely to promote that fruitful cordiality between our two countries which our Government is endeavoring to promote and which the Cuban Government said, in its Note of November 12, that it also was desirous of promoting.

For the Ambassador:

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Enclosure:  
As stated above



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