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TO : ARA - Mr. Mann

DATE: May 27, 1953

FROM : MID - Mr. Wellman

SUBJECT: Ramiro ARANGO y Alsina; Unfavorable Reports.

This man had a conversation with you and me on February 19, 1953, stating that he was a member of the Executive Committee of the Partido del Pueblo Cubano (Ortodoxo), and that he and his companion, José Alvarez Borges, had been sent by the party to acquaint you with conditions in Cuba and to ascertain the policies of the new administration toward Latin America. He requested a photograph of Secretary Dulles, which was sent to Embassy Habana on February 26 with instructions to deliver it. The Embassy objected, and there has been correspondence with the Department on the subject. In despatch no. 1819 of May 22, 1953 (attached), the Embassy requests "authorization not to deliver the photograph to Arango -- a man who has been thrown out of his own country's foreign service for dishonesty, and a man who is strongly suspected of trafficking with our enemies, the Communists". The Embassy states that Arango was not and is not a member of the Executive Committee of the PPC(O), and doubts that he had any mission from that party.

Recommendation

That you approve the attached airgram to Habana, accepting the Embassy's recommendation not to deliver the photograph.

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