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SUBJECT: CUBAN PLANS FOR CELEBRATION OF FOURTH OF JULY

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I have the honor to enclose copy and translation of note No. 1423, June 23, 1952, from the Ministry of State, outlining the Cuban Government's plans to name the park in front of the new Chancery building on Paseo del Malecón "Fourth of July" and to hold a military review in front of that park on July 4. The note states also that a group of American veterans of the Spanish-American War will be guests of the Cuban Government at the July 4 festivities.

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Also enclosed is a copy of my note No. 398, June 24, acknowledging the Ministry of State's communication No. 1423.

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Enclosures:

1. No. 1423 from Ministry of State (copy)
2. Translation of No. 1
3. No. 398 to Ministry of State (copy)

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República de Cuba
MINISTERIO DE ESTADO
1423

La Habana, 23 de junio de 1952

Señor Embajador:

Tengo el honor de informar a Vuestra Excelencia que en ocasión del Cincuentenario de la instauración de la República y queriendo este Gobierno señalar, una vez más y muy expresamente, el carácter perdurable de la amistosa gratitud del pueblo cubano hacia el de los Estados Unidos con motivo de su ayuda generosa a la obtención de la independencia de Cuba, se propone celebrar este año con inusitada solemnidad la fiesta nacional de esa gran República, o sea el 4 de julio.

A tal fin se acordó, por el Consejo de Ministros, dar al parque recién construido, que se halla situado en el Paseo del Malecón y frente al nuevo edificio que ocupará la Embajada de los Estados Unidos, el nombre de "4 de Julio."

Se tomó, asimismo, el acuerdo de celebrar, entre los festejos conmemorativos de esta fecha, un gran desfile militar ante el referido parque.

El Gobierno de Cuba ha dado, por otra parte, instrucciones a nuestro Embajador en Washington para que invite a un nutrido grupo de veteranos de la guerra hispanoamericana, a los cuales el Honorable señor Presidente de la República declaró huéspedes de honor de la Nación.

Al tener el placer de comunicar a Vuestra Excelencia esos acuerdos, me es también singularmente grato ofrecerle el testimonio de mi más alta y distinguida consideración.

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TRANSLATION

Republic of Cuba
MINISTRY OF STATE
No. 1423

Habana, June 23, 1952

Mr. Ambassador:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Republic and out of a desire to indicate once again and emphatically the durable character of the friendly gratitude of the Cuban people to the people of the United States for their generous aid in obtaining the independence of Cuba, this Government proposes to celebrate with great solemnity, this year, the national holiday of that great Republic, July 4.

For that purpose, the Council of Ministers has agreed to give the recently constructed park which is on the Paseo del Malecón, in front of the new building which the Embassy of the United States will occupy, the name "Fourth of July." It was agreed also that among the events commemorating that date, a large military parade would be held in front of that park.

The Government of Cuba also has instructed our Ambassador in Washington to invite a large group of veterans of the Spanish-American War, whom the Honorable President of the Republic has declared guests of the Nation.

In informing you of the foregoing decisions it is singularly pleasing for me to offer you the assurance of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

MIGUEL ANGEL CAMPA

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No. 398

Habana, June 24, 1952

Excellency;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note No. 1423, of June 23, in which you were kind enough to inform me that on the occasion of the observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Cuban Republic the Government of Cuba proposes this year solemnly to celebrate the national holiday of the United States, the Fourth of July. Your Excellency stated that the park recently constructed on the Paseo del Malecón in front of the new Embassy building will be given the name "Fourth of July," and that a military parade will be held on July 4 this year to which a large group of veterans of the Spanish-American War will be invited as guests of honor of the Nation by His Excellency the President of the Republic.

I take this opportunity, on behalf of my Government and on my own behalf, to express appreciation of these decisions of the Cuban Government honoring the United States and the veterans of the Spanish-American War. I am sure that the Cuban Government's action in this regard will give even greater emphasis to the friendship which happily exists between our two peoples.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

WILLARD L. BEAULAC

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