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SUBJECT: Inauguration of Prevocational School of Bauta.

The Minister of Education, Dr. Aureliano SANCHEZ Arango, inaugurated on Sunday morning, April 30, a "prevocational" school in Bauta, a town approximately 10 miles from Habana. The ceremonies were attended by the cultural officer who spoke briefly on the occasion. The Prevocational School of Bauta is one of 20 which the Minister expects to establish in various parts of the country in the near future. These schools will give instruction in basic agricultural practices and in mechanical trades such as carpentry, plumbing, electricity, wood working, leather working and similar manual arts. The students will be drawn from the rural areas, and their previous educational training will have included instruction through the fifth grade of rural school. The course will be of two year's duration, during which time the students will be given free tuition, books, room and board and medical care. Each school will be dedicated to one of the 20 American countries. During Sunday's ceremonies the Minister announced that the Bauta school was dedicated to the United States. He stated that he hoped to establish a scholarship plan in prevocational studies with each of the other American republics.

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The establishment of these schools represents an attempt by the government to direct education, in some measure, towards the needs of the country.

For the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.:

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SUBJECT : MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FORMALLY GIVES NAME OF "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" TO BAUTA PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL; CREATES SCHOLARSHIP FOR AMERICAN STUDENT

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There is transmitted herewith a copy and translation of Foreign Office Note 1489 of June 24, 1950, which transmitted to the Embassy a copy of a Resolution of the Ministry of Education of May 17, 1950. A copy and translation of this Resolution are also enclosed. According to this Resolution, the Rural Pre-vocational School in Bauta is formally given the name of "United States of America", and a scholarship is created for an American student between the ages of 12 and 15 years who has finished the sixth grade of primary instruction, or its equivalent, in the United States. (Cuban primary instruction is divided into six grades of "primaria elemental" and two grades of "primaria superior.") The scholarship would provide for a period of study of two years and would give the student the right to register in polytechnic schools of intermediary grade in the country. Since, as was mentioned in the reference despatch, the students of the Pre-vocational School of Bauta are given free tuition, books, room and board, and medical care, the student selected for the scholarship would be given also the same privileges.

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In conversation with the Minister of Education, the latter expressed to the Cultural Officer his interest in eventually making the scholarship program of the Bauta School one of reciprocity with the United States.

Although the Resolution states that the student would be selected for the scholarship by the Government of the United States, it is believed that any appropriate selection procedure set up (for example, an exchange arrangement with an American vocational school) would be acceptable to the Ministry of Education.

While the Bauta School does not offer all the facilities to be found in a vocational school in the United States, the surroundings are pleasant, the school is well administered, and an opportunity would be afforded to an American boy to learn Spanish, as well as something of tropical agriculture. In this sense, the offer of the scholarship might well interest officials of vocational schools in the United States.

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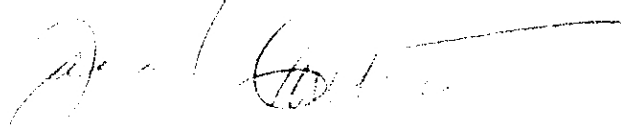
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At the same time, since the Cuban students of the School are from a social group constituting one of the USIE targets, it would be worthwhile if the Department would interest an American vocational school in embarking on an exchange scholarship program with the Bauta School.

For the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim:


Jacob Canter
Cultural Affairs Officer

Enclosures: *attc*

- 1 - Foreign Office Note 1489
- 2 - Translation of above note
- 3 - Resolution
- 4 - Translation of Resolution

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Enclosure 1

Republica de Cuba

MINISTERIO DE ESTADO

La Habana, 24 de junio de 1950.

1489

Señor Embajador:

Tengo el honor de remitir a Vuestra Excelencia, adjunta, copia de la Resolución 041227 firmada por el señor Ministro de Educación de Cuba, por la que se dispone que la Escuela Pre-Vocacional Rural No. 1, situada en la finca "Macasta", Término Municipal de Bauta, Provincia de la Habana, lleve el nombre de "Estados Unidos de América", como homenaje de simpatía a su País.

En la propia Resolución se crea una beca en la referida Escuela Pre-Vocacional Rural "Estados Unidos de América", la que será otorgada a un menor oriundo de los Estados Unidos de América y cuyos demás requisitos se señalan en la mencionada disposición.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para reiterar a Vuestra Excelencia las seguridades de mi más alta consideración.

/S/ ERNESTO DIHIGO

Anexo.

Al Excmo Sr. Robert Butler,
Embajador Extraordinario y Plenipotenciario
de los Estados Unidos de América en Cuba,
La Habana.

Enclosure 2

(Translation of Note)

Republic of Cuba
Ministry of State
1489

Habana, June 24, 1950

Mr. Ambassador:

I have the honor to transmit to Your Excellency, attached, a copy of Resolution 041227 signed by the Minister of Education of Cuba, according to which it is resolved that the Rural Pre-Vocational School No. 1, located on the farm known as "Macasta", in the Municipality of Bauta, of the Province of Habana, should bear the name of "The United States of America" in homage to your country.

The same Resolution provides for a scholarship in the above-mentioned Rural Pre-Vocational School, "The United States of America", to be awarded to a minor of the United States of America who fulfills all of the requisites indicated in the Resolution.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

/S/ ERNESTO DIHIGO

Enclosure .

To His Excellency Mr. Robert Butler,
Ambassador of the United States of
America in Cuba,

Habana.

Enclosure 3

Republica de Cuba

R E S O L U C I O N

En uso de las facultades que me están conferidas,

R E S U E L V O :

PRIMERO: Que la Escuela Pre-Vocacional Rural No. 1, situada en la Finca "Macasta", Término Municipal de Bauta, Provincia de la Habana, lleve el nombre de "Estados Unidos de América", como homenaje a la hermana República del Norte.

SEGUNDO: Crear una beca en la Escuela Pre-Vocacional Rural "Estados Unidos de América", la cual será otorgada a un menor oriundo de dicha nación, seleccionado por el Gobierno de la misma, que no tenga menos de doce años ni sea mayor de quince y esté en posesión del Certificado de Sexto Grado de la Enseñanza Primaria o su equivalente en el país de origen; cuya beca durará por un término de dos años y concederá al que la disfrute el derecho a ingresar posteriormente en las Escuelas Politécnicas de Grado Medio, de conformidad con lo que dispone el vigente Reglamento de las Escuelas Pre-Vocacionales Rurales.

Expídanse las órdenes oportunas para el cumplimiento de lo dispuesto en la presente Resolución.

Dada en La Habana, a los diez y siete días del mes de mayo de mil novecientos cincuenta.

Dr. Aureliano Sánchez Arango
Ministro of Educacion

Republic of Cuba
R E S O L U T I O N

In exercise of the powers vested in me:

I R E S O L V E :

FIRST: That Rural Pre-vocational School No. 1, located on the farm known as "Macasta", in the Municipality of Bauta, Province of Habana, bear the name of "The United States of America" in homage to the sister Republic of the North.

SECOND: That there be created a scholarship in the Rural Pre-vocational School "United States of America", to be awarded to a native minor of that nation, to be selected by the United States Government. The student selected should be between 12 and 15 years of age and should have finished the sixth grade of primary education, or its equivalent, in his country of origin. The duration of the scholarship will be for a period of two years and provides the student with the right to matriculate in Politechnical Schools of Intermediary grade, in accordance with the regulation of the rural pre-vocational schools.

The necessary orders should be expedited for the fulfillment of the provisions set forth in this Resolution.

Given in Habana, on the seventeenth day of May of one thousand nine hundred and fifty.

Aureliano Sánchez Arango
Minister of Education.