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FROM : HABANA 117, July 18, 1950

REF : Dept's Instr. 284, December 23, 1949

SUBJECT : CLANDESTINE HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO BROADCASTING STATION

The information in the reference despatch concerning a clandestine radio station, LA VOZ DE LA RESISTENCIA, was passed on informally to the Cuban Director of Radio who agreed to investigate the matter and notify the Embassy of the results of the observations. Nothing further was heard from the Director of Radio but last week another official in the Ministry of Communications notified the Embassy informally that the Cuban Government is aware of the existence of this station in Habana but for reasons of policy has done nothing to close it down.

The failure of the Government to close this illegal station can only be interpreted as an indication that the Cuban Government is in sympathy with the anti-Venezuelan Government propaganda that the station is understood to be transmitting.

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My dear Mr. Coy:

The Department refers to your letter of October 20, 1949, and the Department's letter of December 23, 1949, concerning observations made by the Commission's monitoring stations regarding a clandestine high frequency broadcasting station operating on 6410 kilocycles, probably in Habana, Cuba.

As stated in the Department's letter of December 23, the matter was referred to the American Embassies at Habana and Caracas for investigation. A reply has now been received from the American Embassy at Habana and I enclose a copy for your information. It is despatch No. 117 dated July 18, 1950. In that despatch it is noted that informal information received by the Embassy indicates that a clandestine station does exist but that for reasons of policy the Cuban Government has done nothing to close it down.

It would appear to be undesirable for the United States to object to the operation of the station unless it is causing interference to some United States operations. The Department would, however, be very much interested in any new information concerning operation

of this

The Honorable
Wayne Coy, Chairman,
Federal Communications Commission,
Washington 25, D. C.

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of this station which may be determined by the Federal Communications Commission monitoring stations.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

John E. O'Gara
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Economic Affairs

Enclosure:

From Embassy Habana,
No. 117, July 18, 1950.

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