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SUBJECT: Reorganization of Cia. Cubana de Aviación

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At a special stockholders' meeting two weeks ago, Eusebio DELFIN was named General Manager of Compañía Cubana de Aviación; the former General Manager, Sergio CLARK, will retain his title of President. This move followed the recent sale of a substantial portion of PAA's stock in Cubana to a Cuban syndicate headed by Eusebio Delfin (see Embassy despatch No. 1634, April 20, 1953). According to Cubana officials, PAA now owns only 20 percent of Cubana's stock.

All the PAA Directors on the Board of Cubana were re-elected and, in addition, one new PAA representative, Erwin BALLUDER, was added to this group. Two other PAA officials, Edwin DRESCHER and Mario J. MARTINEZ, were appointed alternate Directors. The reorganized and enlarged Board now consists of the following persons:

Board of Directors

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|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Sergio Clark,             | - | President                             |
| Eusebio Delfin,           | - | Vice President and<br>General Manager |
| Jose M. Casanova,         | - | Vice President                        |
| Carlos Parraga,           | - | Secretary                             |
| Jose Martinez Ortiz,      | - | Vice Secretary                        |
| Antonio Garcia Hernandez, | - | Vice Secretary                        |
| Roberto Millar,           | - | Treasurer                             |
| Eugenio Forns,            | - | Vice Treasurer                        |

Members

- |                    |   |       |
|--------------------|---|-------|
| Erwin Balluder     | - | (PAA) |
| Arturo Bengochea   | - | (PAA) |
| Wilbur L. Morrison | - | (PAA) |
| Ignacio G. Mendoza | - | (PAA) |
| Warren Pine        | - | (PAA) |

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Juan de Zarraga  
Raul Rivero  
Frank P. Powers - (PAA)

At the recent meeting, an Alternate Board of Directors was created, with the following membership:

Carlos Farraga  
Jose Martinez Ortiz  
Andrés Garcia de la Torre  
Quirino Vria Lopez  
Rafael Dominguez  
Luis Carvajal Valle  
Mario J. Martinez - (PAA)  
Edwin Drescher - (PAA)  
Ignacio Martinez Ibor  
Roberto Millar  
Rogelio Valmaña Mujica  
Antonio Garcia Hernandez

The Executive Committee consists of:

Eusebio Delfin,	General Manager
Jose M. Casanova,	Vice President
Warren Pine,	Member
Roberto Millar,	Member
Ignacio Martinez Ibor,	Member

During the meeting, it was announced that Cubana would soon purchase new equipment and start service on its authorized route between Habana and New York. The stockholders were also informed that Cubana had recently acquired a C-46 which it will use to haul cargo between Habana and Miami. This plane was formerly owned by Servicios Aereos, S. A. (SASA), which used it to haul cargo between Habana and St. Petersburg. When SASA recently discontinued its operations and went out of business, it leased this plane for a few months to Expreso Aereo Inter-Americano, which kept it until it could no longer make the payments and was forced to give it up.

It was subsequently learned that Cubana had acquired from Pan American Airways three Constellations, which will shortly be put into service on Cubana's present Habana-Madrid route, to be followed later by service on the Habana-New York route when it is inaugurated. It was also reported, unofficially, that Sergio Clark is slated to be transferred to Madrid as Cubana's agent for Spain.

For the Ambassador:

*Raymond L. Harrell*  
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