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SUBJECT: El Tiempo Scheduled to Begin Publishing on May 2.

The Embassy wishes to advise the Department that a new daily newspaper, to be called El Tiempo, is scheduled to begin publishing in Habana on May 2. It is said to be the property of Rolando MASFERRER, member of the House of Representatives from Oriente Province, and former Senator Lucilo de la PENA, owner of Editorial Luz-Hilo, the printing company which will publish the newspaper. Masferrer has been a member of the local communist party; is now said to be anti-communist. It has been learned that El Tiempo will be pro-administration. It is believed that President Carlos PRIO Socarrás may have invested capital in the company.

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El Tiempo's impending publication has not yet been made public.

For the Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.:

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