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Ref: Habana's 308, April 16, 1948; CBD Report April 19, 1948, on Dr. Emilio Roig de Leuchsenring; Habana's 937, October 27, 1950.

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Subject: ~~TRANSMITTING COPIES OF PUBLICATIONS BY EMILIO ROIG DE LEUCHSENRING ENTITLED (1) CUBA DOES NOT OWE ITS INDEPENDENCE TO THE UNITED STATES and (2) CUBA AND THE UNITED STATES 1805-1898.~~

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There are transmitted for the Department's records copies of two books published during the past year by Dr. Emilio ROIG de Leuchsenring on the historical relations between Cuba and the United States. Dr. Emilio Roig de Leuchsenring is Historian of the City of Habana as well as a lawyer, writer and member of a number of Communist-front organizations. He is considered one of the bitterest critics of the United States in Cuba.

The first of these books entitled "Cuba and the United States 1805-1898" was published, according to a statement printed in the book itself, by the Publicaciones de la Sociedad Cubana de Estudios Historicos e Internacionales. Several chapter titles quoted below indicate the general tenor of this publication:

- "Before the Cubans Conspired for Independence the United States was Already Planning the Annexation of Cuba"
- "The Yankee Policy of 'The Ripe Fruit'"
- "Cuba, Cause, Purpose and Victim of the Monroe Doctrine"
- "While Mexico and Colombia Fight for the Independence of Cuba, the United States Opposes It"
- "United States Against the Independence of Cuba as Proposed by Bolivar in 1826"
- "United States Defenders of Spain and Enemies of Cuba"
- "United States in 1852 Removes Its Mask in Connection With Its Ambitions with Respect to Cuba"
- "The 'Mambises' of 68 Received Only Promises from the United States"
- "Maceo, Gómez and Garcia, Like Martí, Oppose the Participation of the United States in Cuban Independence"

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"While the American People Demand the Recognition of the Republic of Cuba, McKinley Completes His Plans for Annexation"

The second publication by the same author is entitled "Cuba Does Not Owe Its Independence to the United States" and is apparently a reproduction of a paper which Roig presented to the "Ninth National Congress of History". This paper is also published by the Publicaciones de la Sociedad Cubana de Estudios Historicos e Internacionales and bears the date 1950. It is divided into two parts and develops the theses that the Cuban people won their independence through their own efforts and that the United States was always an enemy of Cuban independence.

Comment:

The Embassy does not have information as to the number of copies of these publications to be published so far. While it is not felt that they will have any great influence on the majority of the Cuban population, these publications will probably be exploited to the utmost by the Cuban Communists for their own purposes and will, undoubtedly, have some unfavorable influence among those reached by these elements.

For the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim:



Earl T. Crain,  
First Secretary of Embassy.

Enclosures: *AN*

- ✓1. "Cuba Does Not Owe Its Independence to the United States"
- ✓2. "Cuba and the United States 1805-1898"