First Priority Pouch

Unrestricted

No. 27,060

Subject: Former President Batista of Cuba Visits Oaxaca.

To: The Secretary of State

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Embassy's despatch No. 27,018 of October 25, 1945, entitled "Former President Batista of Cuba Visits Governor of Oaxaca", and to enclose herewith a short news item date-lined Juchitan, Oaxaca, October 27 which appeared in Novedades on October 28, stating that ex-President Batista in company with the Governor of Oaxaca had visited that town on a pleasure trip and had been enthusiastically received by the people. There is an account also of a ball and reception at which the Governor is said to have made a speech eulogizing General Batista.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador

David Thomasson
Second Secretary of Embassy

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AIRGRAM

From: American Embassy
Mexico D. F.

Date: November 2, 1945.

Rec'd: Nov. 5 1pm

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Reference is made to the Embassy's despatch No. 27,018 of October 25, 1945 entitled "Former President Batista of Cuba Visits Governor of Oaxaca":

Ex-President Batista returned to Mexico City a few days ago from his visit to Oaxaca, and according to a reliable source, will enter the Spanish Hospital here for treatment of an old-standing complaint said to be gallstones and for renal colic, which he is said recently to have contracted. The tabloid English language newspaper, MEXICO CITY HERALD, states that he will enter the hospital for an abdominal operation, but this is said not to be correct. Ex-President Batista informed a local newspaper man that after treatment in the hospital he intended to pursue his plan to visit the Governor of Yucatan.

According to the MEXICO CITY HERALD, ex-President Batista has announced that he will prolong his visit to Mexico through next June.

A copy of this airgram is being forwarded direct to the Embassy at Havana.

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No. 27,238

MAXIMUM PRIORITY POUCH
Unrestricted

Subject: Activities of Former President Batista of Cuba During His Visit to Mexico

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to this Embassy's airgram No. A-3013 of November 3, 1945, reporting that ex-President Batista was to enter the Spanish Hospital in Mexico City, and to transmit herewith a clipping from Ultimas Noticias of November 3, an afternoon newspaper of this city, stating that former President Batista is a patient in the Spanish Hospital and that he is making satisfactory progress in the treatment of renal colic. It is stated it is believed he will not have to undergo an operation and that if the doctors permit him to do so he will leave Mexico City on November 13 or 14 for New York. This latter information is not believed to be correct as it is understood that ex-President Batista was planning to pay a visit to the Governor of Yucatan when he was prevented by illness from doing so.

Further reports will be submitted in due course upon the activities of ex-President Batista.

Respectfully yours,

For the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

David Thomasson
Second Secretary of Embassy

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/ From Ultimas Noticias, Nov. 3

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Batista, Mejorado

Parece que no Será Necesaria la Operación

En la mañana de hoy, un redactor de "ULTIMAS NOTICIAS" visitó el pabellón "Covadonga", cuarto número 1, del Sanatorio Español donde se encuentra internado el mayor general Fulgencio Batista Zaldivar, ex Presidente de Cuba y huésped de México, que el día 31 del mes pasado tuvo que ser atendido con urgencia en dicho sanatorio a resultados de reiterados y dolorosos cólicos nefríticos que lo acometieron inesperadamente, cuando estaba a punto de partir por la vía aérea rumbo a la ciudad de Nueva York.

Por boca de su gentil secretaria particular, la señorita Carmelita Gamero supimos que el mayor general Fulgencio Batista ha rebasado el periodo de crisis de su enfermedad, habiéndole cedido la fiebre y disminuido los dolores que lo aquejaban. Se cree, fundadamente, por opinión facultativa, que no le será practicada la intervención quirúrgica que en principio se creyó necesaria. Es muy posible que el martes o miércoles de la semana próxima pueda efectuar el suspendido viaje aéreo a Nueva York, previa autorización médica para realizarlo.

Por el pabellón "Covadonga" han desfilado numerosas personalidades de nuestro Gobierno, encabezadas por el señor Presidente de la República, y destacados elementos de la sociedad mexicana y de la Colonia Cubana, para visitar, en unos casos, al enfermo u obtener informes sobre el curso de la enfermedad que lo mantiene postrado.