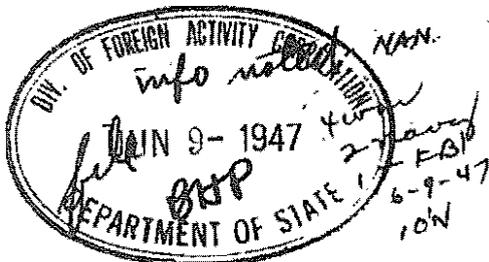


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The famous "Capitol Diamond", stolen in March 1946, is reported by press to have been returned anonymously and by mail to President Grau. Press reports indicate that the return is probably consequence of "remorse" on the part of the thief, who found he could not dispose of such a large stone entire, and that cutting it would reduce its value greatly.

It has been confidentially known for some days that the thief, understood to be a member of a "revolutionary" group closely associated with former Education Minister José Manuel ALFMAN, was in the United States with the diamond, which he found it impossible to sell, and that he wrote Cuban authorities offering to return it if promised immunity. The proposal was accepted, and the diamond has been in official hands for a week or so, without announcement until a suitable story for publication should be composed.

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64 Wolcott Ave.
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State Dept.
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Dear Sirs:

On March 26, the New York Daily News carried a story about the Cuban gem which had been stolen from under the glass enclosure at the capitol at Havana. I have been following the news fairly carefully, but have seen no further details of this robbery.

I am a beginner in the writing field and would like to follow this item up and write it up. I would appreciate it if you would refer this inquiry to the right department, or if possible let me know where I can obtain further information.

Very truly yours

Mrs. W. H. Allen

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