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REF : Department's Telegram no. 232, March 27, 1952

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SUBJECT : Recognition of Cuban Government.

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After receipt of the Department's telegram reporting the resumption of diplomatic relations with Cuba on March 27, 1952, I called at the Foreign Office March 28 and informed the Sub-Secretary of the Ministry, Sr. Alfonso MARROQUIN Orellana of this development. After thanking me for the information, Sr. Marroquin stated that he "imagined" that Guatemala would take action in the near future, especially since the new government appeared to have the situation well under control and most of the other American Republics had recognized it. He added that the Foreign Minister had spoken to President ARBENZ on the subject and that the President had indicated a desire to discuss the matter. However, he said, the President had been out of town most of the week so that there had been no suitable opportunity for reaching a decision.

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Sr. Eduardo ABELA, the Cuban Minister to Guatemala appointed by the Prio Administration, appears to have accepted the change of Government without undue difficulty. On the evening of March 26 in a casual conversation he stated that conditions in Cuba were entirely normal and emphasized that freedom of the press and of discussion was permitted by the new regime. In a further conversation March 28 he expressed annoyance that the Guatemalan Government had not yet extended recognition and seemed to hope that resumption of diplomatic relations by the United States might cause Guatemala to take similar action.

William L. Krieg
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

cc: Amembassy, Habana, Cuba

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