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SUBJECT: Appointment of Negroes in Batista Government

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The BATISTA Government has appointed negroes to a number of high positions, including that of Minister of Justice. Several recent appointments of this nature are listed below, according to information supplied by Dr. Pedro PORTUONDO Calá, a newspaperman of El País who is prominent in negro affairs in Cuba.

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Dr. Miguel Angel CESPEDES, Minister of Justice (former president of Club Atenas).

Dr. Laureano LOPEZ Garrido, Subsecretary of Education.

Sr. Nicolás ESQUIVEL, Head of Street Cleaning Department of Habana.

Sr. Pedro AYON, Administrator of Aqueduct of Albear.

Sr. Felix AYON, Chief of Materials Department of Ministry of Education (unconfirmed).

Sr. Pedro ALOMA, Private Secretary of Mayor of Habana for Administrative Affairs.

Dra. Catalina POZO Gato, National Director of La Defensa del Niño.

Captain Dámaso SOGO, promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, Head of Regiment No. 5 (unconfirmed).

Major BISSET, of the Cabaña fortress, promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

For the Ambassador:

Earl T. Crain
Acting Counselor of Embassy

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