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The Embassy is requested to spomit to the Department available information concerning Ricardo ARTIGAS Arvelo, particularly his activities since 1948 when he was Assistant Director of the National Lottery.

Artigas is believed to be wealthy and to have recently returned to New York City from Europe. According to information in the Department, he was formerly head of the Bureau of Investigation, Major in the National Police, and Director of the radio program "Hora Programatica Autentica". He is understood to have been one of the organizers of the Autentico Party and to have been active in the presidential campaign of Carlos Prio Socarras in 1948. His post as Assistant Director of the National Lottery is believed to have been a reward for his services in behalf of presidential candidate, Carlos Prío Socarras

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