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FROM: Habana

Cuban Ministry State issued following press release 1:30 p.m. today:

"The Minister of State, Dr. Aureliano Sanchez Arango, has made known that on this date negotiations were begun in Habana with the Government of the United States of America for the conclusion of a bilateral military assistance agreement.

"Representing the Government of the United States, His Excellency Willard L. Beaulac, Ambassador to Cuba, will donduct the negotiations: he will be assisted by representatives of the Department of Defense of the United States of America.

The Minister of State, Dr. Aureliano Sanchez Arango, will represent the Government of Cuba and will be assisted by the representatives of the armed forces of Cuba.

"These negotiations were proposed by the Government of the United States in conformity with the Mutual Security Act of 1951 which empowers that government to develop a military assistance program for Latin America. In these negotiations the Government of Cuba is adhering to the spirit (several words apparently missing at this point).

At Rio de Janeiro on September 2, 1947."

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