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Subject: Sinecure for Mrs. Dolores SOLDEVILLA Nieto,  
Cuban "Cultural Commissioner to Europe"

The Honorable  
The Secretary of State,  
Washington.

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I have the honor to report that Mrs. Dolores SOLDEVILLA Nieto, generally known as "Lolo" Soldevilla, was designated Cuban Cultural Commissioner to Europe at \$500 per month by President Carlos Prío in Decree No. 1395 published in the Official Gazette for May 2, 1949.

Mrs. Soldevilla, the divorced wife of Senator Eusebio MUJAL, Secretary General of the CTC (Confederation of Cuban Workers), was until recently a member of the Cuban House of Representatives in her own right. She has resigned in order to accept the post as Cultural Commissioner, thus leaving a vacancy in the Lower House for another good "Autentico" as yet unnamed. Usually well informed sources indicate that besides receiving the sinecure, Mrs. Soldevilla was paid between forty and fifty thousand pesos from the Cuban Treasury in order to create the legislative vacancy which "Autentico" leaders had promised someone else.

Mrs. Soldevilla originally announced on March 17, 1949 that she expected to be sent to Paris, and has commenced accumulating paintings, statues and other "objets d'art" created by skilled Cubans which she plans to sell in Paris on a commission basis.

Respectfully yours,

For the *Chargé d'Affaires ad interim*:

*Daniel V. Anderson*  
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First Secretary of Embassy

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