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FROM: Habana

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 560, May 22, 5 p.m.

PRIORITY

At 11:30 a.m. yesterday, May 21, Cuban army and police moved into electric generating plants and substations in order hold workers on job and prevent sabotage. Since then workers permitted leave premises only if replaced by incoming workers. This move followed company notice to government that most workers striking and company unable maintain control. Government military interventor designated yesterday plans publish statement this afternoon demanding workers return by midnight May 23 or lose jobs. Company officials consider strike political test of strength between Batista and opposition. Situation considered serious.

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