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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: Dec. 28, 1956

SUBJECT:

Cuban-Dominican Relations

PARTICIPANTS:

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for Inter-American Affairs

Ambassador Salazar of the Dominican Republic Julian P. Fromer, Haitian-Dominican Desk Officer

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Ambassador Salazar had some heated comments to make on President Batista's interview in <u>Vision</u>.

Mr. Rubottom explained that this interview was given sometime ago before the recent improvement in Cuban-Dominican relations. As an example of the present friendly Cuban attitude, he cited the decision of the Cuban Minister of Agriculture to attend the inauguration of the Dominican Livestock Fair next month.

Obviously surprised, the Ambassador said this was a good token and he gave all sorts of assurances that the Dominican Government would go more than half-way in meeting any Cuban overtures of friendship.

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