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TO : THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON.

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SUBJECT: Radio Broadcast of Dr. Victor Espinosa Orjojo Attacking President Batista of Cuba.

The subject of verbal attacks on the Batista regime has been treated in each of this Embassy's WEEKAS since November 5, 1956. The vitriolic press and radio campaign began shortly after the slaying of ten Cubans in the Haitian Embassy, Habana, and still continues substantially unabated, particularly via radio station HIT and the newspaper El Caribe. It is not believed indicative of any intention on the part of Trujillo to intervene militarily in the present Cuban fracas, but is considered an attempt, directed by him personally, to reap maximum propaganda benefits both at home and abroad from Batista misdeeds and Cuban turmoil. (See Embdes. No. 309 dated December 11, 1956). There is, therefore, nothing new in the specific attack cited in the Department's telegram.

The person referred to by the Department as "Dr. Victor ESPINOSA Orjojo" is the mercenary penman Sixto Espinosa Orozco, a specialist in diatribe and part time philosopher imported from Spain about a year ago for El Caribe and HIT. For his part in the Dominican editorial treatment of the Galindez affair see this Embassy's despatch No. 503 dated June 4, 1956.

Espinosa visited the United States early this year. In an interview preceding the issuance of his visa he told the reporting officer that he was a militant anti-communist, having had two brothers killed by Communists during the Spanish Civil War. He professed great admiration for the United States, comparing, in the fashion of many Spaniards, our position today vis-a-vis communism with that of Spain against the Muslims in the fifteenth century. On his return from the United States his praise for the beauty of Washington was much greater than is usual for a Madrilenian, bordering on adulation.

CONCLUSION: The Embassy sees no reason to fear a severe Cuban reaction to this particular talk. The Cuban reaction to the whole

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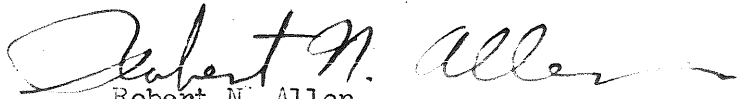
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Dominican verbal attack could scarcely be stronger than it already is and it seems to be about equal to the Dominican reaction to Cuban attacks.

For the Ambassador:



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Second Secretary of Embassy

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In recent conversation Washington Neal received assurances from Manuel de Moya that inflammatory Dominican broadcasts against Cuba would cease and that Cuban exiles in Dominican Republic would not be allowed to depart with arms. Cuban Government subsequently advised by Embassy Habana that Department received such assurances from high Dominican officials and suggested Cubans in turn tone down anti-Dominican press statements and Cubans agreed to cooperate. UP and INS today report interview VISION Magazine with Batista to be published Jan 2 in which Batista reiterates Cuban charges Dominican intervention and plotting.

informally
Ciudad Trujillo instructed inform de Moya/for Neal that Batista interview with ~~Vision~~ VISION reporter took place prior to Department's receiving Cuban assurances and Department has reason to believe Cubans are sincere in desire to cooperate in future. Meanwhile happy note discontinuance **Dominican** broadcasts about which they spoke.

Embassy Habana instructed inform Guell of possible repercussions **VISION** article and prior press statements on Cuban-Dominican relations and suggest to him that official Cuban statement/indicating Cuban desire maintain friendly relations with all Latin American countries including Dominican Republic might ameliorate situation.

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SUBJECT: Biographic Data on Sixto Espinosa Orozco.

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Biographic report on subject is enclosed.

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For the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Robert W. Allen

Second Secretary of Embassy

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Espinosa, Orozco

NAME

Sixto ESPINOSA Orozco

PRESENT POSITION

New Editor and Commentator

DATA AND REMARKS

Date and place of birth: Almeria, Spain. August 23, 1897
Race and religion: Spanish White Caucasian, nominal Roman Catholic.
Immediate family: Wife - Gloria Lopez Nieto de Espinosa (lives in Spain)
Facility in languages: Spanish only
Positions held, with dates: Newspaperman for "Fotos" of Madrid, until 1951.
Worked for "Carteles" of Habana, 1951-55.
Columnist for "El Caribe" of Ciudad Trujillo since 1955.
News Editor and commentator for "La Voz Dominicana"
Ciudad Trujillo radio station operated by Lt. General J.
Arismerendi Trujillo, Generalissimo's brother.
Service or travel in the United States and other countries: Travelled to Washington
and New York for 10 days about June 20-July 1, 1956.
Appearance and physical characteristics: Greying black hair; brown eyes; 5'7" in
height, weighs 148 lbs., has a crooked nose and long
protruding crooked tarnished lower teeth.
Activities in political, national and international affairs: Led Dominican press
counterattack on Jesus de Galindez after latter's disappear-
ance in New York in June 1956; directed Dominican radio's
verbal attack on Batista regime in November-December, 1956.
Influence and reputation: His influence in the Dominican Republic is negligible. His
reputation is poor.
Attitude toward the United States and other countries: Adulates United States
democracy and morality when speaking privately to Americans.
On the radio he has made light humor of American foibles,
naivete, and gaucheness. Denigrates Haitian civilization.
Very critical of U.S.S.R. Believes Spain needs Franco be-
cause it is unable to make democracy function. Hypercritical
of Batista regime in Cuba.
Ideology, including factors and persons influencing him: Anti-Communist, but not anti-
totalitarian. He is contented to be given the appearance,
here, of being a first rate news commentator and columnist,
and in return joins without scruples in the daily apotheosis
of Trujillo.
Estimate of his future career and effectiveness: Espinosa has neither the personality
nor the ability to achieve real importance or effectiveness.
His political observations are superficial and more con-
cerned with slavish praise of Trujillo than with true
analysis. His pseudo-philosophical chatter columns are un-
interesting and essentially unread.

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