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Dr. Herrera cited, as an example of what he claims is the unreasonable and intransigent attitude of Cuba, the fact that a Cuban newspaper recently charged that the Dominican Republic had attempted to "buy" Assistant Secretary of State Henry F. HOLLAND and Ambassador John C. DREIER by conferring decorations on them at the conclusion of the recent Ciudad Trujillo Conference on the Continental Shelf et cetera. That the Cuban newspaper also took Ambassador Dreier to task for attending that Conference while the IAPC deliberations on the Cuban-Dominican case were in progress, and alleged, in substance, that he thereby forsook his duties as a member of the IAPC. The Minister alluded to the fact that the Chairman of the Brazilian Delegation to the Ciudad Trujillo Conference is also a member of the IAPC and, moreover, that the Dominican Republic did not single out Messrs. Holland and Dreier for the bestowing of decorations as evidenced by the fact that the Chairmen of all Delegations to the Conference were similarly decorated. He further asserted that the owner, or editor, of the newspaper in which these canards appeared, is one of the members of the Cuban Senate who have been urging that diplomatic relations with the Dominican Republic be severed.

William T. Pheiffer

CC: Amembassy, Habana.

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FROM: AMEMBASSY, HABANA 807

TO: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON

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SUBJECT: Cuban-Dominican Relations.

On May 8 the Ambassador had a talk with the Minister of State during which he raised the matter of Cuba's relations with the Dominican Republic.

The Minister said that the Cuban Government was not happy over the Inter-American Peace Committee's action in the dispute with the Dominican Republic. The reason is that the Cuban Ambassador in Ciudad Trujillo had reported that the Generalissimo is, or is pretending to be, happy over the IAPC results, which he represents as a victory for the Dominican Republic.

According to the Cuban Ambassador, Generalissimo TRUJILLO is saying that the action of the IAPC demonstrates that Cuba had no basis for its accusations against the Dominican Republic, could not refute the charges made by General HERMIDA against General TABERNILLA, and in fact had no basis at all for bringing a case to the IAPC.

The hearings of the Senate committee investigating Trujillista activities have continued in secret session. As reported in Weeka No. 17 the Minister of State testified before the committee a number of times, but what he told the Committee has not yet been communicated to the Embassy. Miguel Angel QUEVEDO, owner-editor of Bohemia, also testified and told the press he had had nothing to add over and above what he had already printed.

The testimony presented to the Committee on May 7 and 8 has, however, evidently been too sensational for the Committee to keep to itself and a press release was issued. (Senator Rolando MASFERRER, who heads the Committee, has of course already reaped considerable publicity through the alleged revelations and the editorial attacks on the Dominican question of his paper Tiempo en Cuba; and he in every way evidences a high regard for the political value of publicity.

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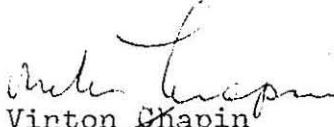
The press release of May 7 stated that Leovigildo Piña, Jr., a Dominican exile, "offered interesting facts revealing how Dominican ships engage in spying on our coasts". Piña was also reported in the release to have "identified the spies Ulisés SANCHEZ Hinojosa and Felix "El Cojo" HERNANDEZ." Moreover, Piña apparently produced recordings of "acts against the sovereignty of Cuba on the part of high Dominican functionaries".

On May 8 it was reported that Alberto HENRIQUEZ, a member of the Frente Unido Democrático Dominicano, told the Committee that Trujillo was out to destroy the Cuban economy by destroying its sugar in order to win a better position for the Dominican Republic's sugar. To this end Trujillo was engaged in a campaign to burn down Cuban sugar mills and the costly fire of a few days before at Central Washington, Henriquez charged, was the work of Trujillo's agents.

Henriquez went on to charge that Trujillo was also engaged in a campaign to murder Dominican exiles in this country, and had plotted with opposition elements here and in Miami to overthrow Batista. He spoke of Sanchez Hinojosa's espionage activities, and gave details of a Trujillo invasion plan through the north coast of Oriente.

Despite the nature of the last two days' revelations before the Committee, little public attention seems to be paid to them. This is probably in part because some of the more demagogic newspaper columnists, such as José PARDO Llada, are not publishing these days owing to the censorship. Also, many people no doubt recognize that the senate committee investigation is little more than a publicity stunt of Masferrer's. However, it is regrettable that the subject of relations with the Dominican Republic has not been permitted to remain completely dormant for the time being, and, of course, the committee proceedings are now available for demagogic agitation in the future.

For the Ambassador:


Vinton Chapin
Counselor of Embassy

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Both recording and the article itself are so disordered as to appear garbled. The part of the alleged recording printed in Tiempo may reveal a diplomat talking a bit frankly about personalities (but without specifying them) in the country of his assignment, but it scarcely proves he has intervened in its internal affairs. The Tiempo extract prints no trace of a suggestion that any offer whatsoever was made to Masferrer by the Dominican Ambassador. The article shows that its writer is not acquainted with the IAPC conduct of the Cuban-Dominican dispute.

From every point of view it is difficult to see why the Dominicans should chose Masferrer as a possible recruit to their cause. He has a history of anti-Trujillo activity, and was prominently identified with the Cayo Confites adventure. In Tiempo and in the Senate he has bitterly and constantly attacked Trujillo, bearing, in fact, as much responsibility as anyone else, in Cuba at least, for the present state of relations with the Dominican Republic.

On the other hand, Batista does not appear the person to act irresponsibly in a matter of the importance of that of relations with the Dominican Republic, even under the present pressures of the internal Cuban situation. The Embassy would judge it probable that he genuinely believes that a Dominican attempt to suborn Masferrer was made.

For the Ambassador:


Vinton Chapin
Counselor of Embassy

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¡Exclusivo!

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DE TRUJILLO EN CUBA

Grabadas en una cinta comprometedoras revelaciones del Embajador Llaверías.—Envían armas a Cuba.—“El Extraño” y Eufemio Fernández son agentes del dictador dominicano en Cuba.—Actúa Policarpo Soler en Ciudad Trujillo.—Plan contra el Presidente Batista.



EMBAJADOR LLAVERÍAS

Declara el Gobierno Persona no Grata al Embajador Dominicano

COMO una prueba palpable de la participación del dictador dominicano Leónidas Trujillo en algunas cuestiones internas de este país, que constituyen una franca violación de la soberanía nacional cubana, ofrecemos parte de la conversación sostenida entre nuestro Director senador Rolando Masferrer y el Embajador de Trujillo en Cuba, Dr. Federico Llaверías. Como se sabe TIEMPO ha mantenido informado al pueblo de las actividades trujillistas en nuestro país y el director de este periódico, senador Masferrer es uno de los más firmes combatientes contra la feroz dictadura que ensangrenta la patria de Máximo Gómez; el senador Masferrer es el presidente de la Co.

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misión Senatorial que investiga la participación del sátrapa dominicano en nuestras cuestiones políticas y económicas. Por creerlo de interés fundamental para el país, que muy bien sabe hasta dónde Trujillo ha metido sus manos en esta isla, ofrecemos parte del diálogo entre Masferrer y el representante diplomático de Trujillo en Cuba, como un adelanto al Libro Blanco que publicará el Senado de la República, en el cual aparecerá con lujo de detalles la oscura y sensible participación del dictador quisqueyano en actividades contrarias a nuestra libertad, decoro y prestigio internacional.

La conversación entre Masferrer y Llaverías fué grabada en una cinta y por ello es posible dar a conocer dicha conversación.

Por ejemplo, sobre la presencia de algunos miembros de la Organización de Estados Americanos en Santo Domingo, el embajador Llaverías, expresó lo siguiente: «El Presidente de la OEA, está en Santo Domingo y el del Brasil, que también es miembro de la Comisión, está en Santo Domingo. Y le digo: es cosa tan bien hecha que esta gente va ahora allí a ver por sus propios ojos lo que no puede ver de otra manera, y esto ha sido idea de Trujillo, para que esas gentes estén convencidas, más o menos, de la razón que tiene el gobierno dominicano...»

(La tramitación hecha por Trujillo a algunos de los miembros de la OEA, que TIEMPO dijo con antelación a esta declaración del Embajador trujillista Llaverías, se demuestra claramente en las palabras del representante diplomático del tirano dominicano en este país).

Y como agregado, el Embajador Llaverías, expresa lo siguiente: «Y no solamente eso, el del Brasil que es de la Comisión... De modo que ellos tienen a esos dos elementos, posiblemente ya a favor en la Comisión. Y mientras aquí dicen que Hermida dijo, que si yo que, esto... que rectifique... Trujillo le va a presentar una montaña de 20 años de acusaciones contra Cuba... y aquella gente por algo se ha lanzado. Este Presidente es sagaz. Ud cree que se va a lanzar así. Yo tampoco creí como usted que hubiera podido ir, el Presidente de una Comisión en que se somete un asunto tan grave, —esto dicho entre nos y este es el hombre que va a Santo Domingo en lugar de venir aquí...»

(Como se ve la sagacidad del

agresiones del régimen de Trujillo a la soberanía cubana, como asimismo al entrometimiento del representante diplomático del arranca cabezas de Quisqueya, en las cuestiones más sensibles del país.

(Como se ve la sagacidad del «Benefactor», no está precisamente en demostrar las acusaciones en contra de Cuba, cosa que nadie medianamente inteligente creería, pues la cosa es al revés, sino en tramitar abiertamente a los señores de la OEA, que precisamente, como afirma el señor Llaverías, se fueron a Santo Domingo, sin poner sus pies en Cuba, que era el país que establecía la denuncia contra el régimen oprobioso de Trujillo).

He aquí unas palabras del representante de Trujillo en Cuba, que son más que elocuentes: «Yo quiero decirle, en otras palabras, a su Gobierno: ellos están planteando la cosa internamente con el argumento de que si Lili que si Porfirio Díaz, lo que hizo en Caracas y además que ellos el día siguiente serían los más fieles anti-trujillistas, porque son gente que nunca van a nada con una voluntad limpia y firme; y entonces dicen que el hombre de confianza real de Trujillo es Policarpo Soler, dicen Eufemio Fernández, dicen Menelao Mora, pero ellos al día siguiente del hecho se ocuparían de restringir a influencia de Policarpo Soler para no tener que seguir vinculados a ningún acuerdo con Trujillo, por un lado, o como es su preocupación, como ellos no tienen ningún predicamento en el sector militar».

(Por las palabras del señor Llaverías, se comprende que el señalamiento hecho por TIEMPO de un estrecho acercamiento entre el dictador Trujillo y Policarpo Soler, Eufemio Fernández y Menelao Mora, estos últimos capitanes de los grupos de acción insurreccional priista en Cuba, es tan cierto como un puñetazo en ple-

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PERSONA NO GRATA EL EMBAJADOR LLAVERIAS

A la hora en que entra en
prensa esta edición, el Gobier-
no cubano ha determinado
considerar persona no grata, al
Embajador del dictador Leóni-
das Trujillo en Cuba, Federico
Llaverias. La determinación
del gobierno cubano, se debe,
como se sabe, a las continuas

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FROM Ciudad Trujillo, D.R.

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May 15, 1956

TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON

EMBASSY telegram 246 of May 15, 1956 and
EMBASSY despatch 463 of May 14, 1956.

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SUBJECT: Dominican-Cuban Relations

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Enclosed are newspaper cuttings of the announcement appearing in El Caribe for May 15 stating that the Dominican Government had declared Cuban Ambassador Orlando DAUMY persona non grata. This action was taken yesterday afternoon immediately it became known to Dominican Ambassador LLAVERIAS a few hours before.

It will be noted from the enclosure that the Cuban Government, according to Foreign Secretary HERRERA Báez, had not previously communicated to the Dominican Government that it had any reason to be displeased with Ambassador Llaverías and it brusquely declared him persona non grata.

Herrera Báez in his statement added that the step taken by the Dominican Government was demanded by the dignity of the nation. He went on to say that the whole development came about while Ambassador Llaverías was en route to Habana and contrasted sharply with the circumstances prevailing that very morning when the Chargé d' Affaires of Cuba had a most cordial interview with President Héctor TRUJILLO in company with Ambassador Llaverías. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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Comment: Ambassador PHEIFFER was in conversation with Minister Herrera Báez at about the time when the Cuban action took place. At that time Herrera Báez gave no indication that he had any reason to anticipate a deterioration of relations with Cuba. He did indicate a certain impatience with Cuban intransigence in not readily accepting a settlement of differences through the medium of Venezuela (see referenced despatch) but gave no indication that he was in any way aware of the forthcoming action by the Cuban Government.

That this development came as a surprise would appear to be borne out by a statement made by Llaverías to some friends at a party only two nights ago: that he was "highly pleased" that his work "in Washington and Venezuela" toward the settlement of differences which

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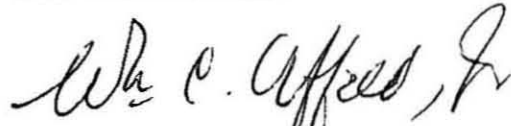
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existed between the Dominican Republic and Cuba.

Without further positive information it is perhaps useless to speculate as to what caused this sudden action by Cuba. It would seem possible however that since the Cubans have placed no great confidence in Llaerverias in the past they may have become irked over his role in the negotiations and possibly derogatory remarks made in the course thereof.

For the Ambassador:



Wm. C. Affeld, Jr.
Counselor of Embassy

Enclosure: 

✓ Clipping from El Caribe of May 15, 1956.

cc: Amembassy Habana
Amembassy Caracas


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Gobierno de RD Declara No Grato Embajador de Cuba

El Gobierno dominicano procedió en el día de ayer a declarar persona no grata al embajador de la República de Cuba, Orlando Daumy Amat, horas después de haber declarado el Gobierno cubano, persona no grata al embajador dominicano en La Habana, licenciado Federico Llaverías.

El Canciller de la República Dominicana Porfirio Herrera Báez, declaró ayer tarde que el Gobierno de Cuba, sin haber comunicado previamente al Gobierno dominicano que tuviera motivo alguno de desagrado contra el Embajador dominicano en La Habana, procedió bruscamente a declararlo persona no grata.

Herrera Báez agregó que ante tan inamistoso gesto que se aparta de los usos diplomáticos civilizados, el Gobierno dominicano ha procedido, como lo demanda la dignidad de la Nación, a declarar igualmente persona no grata al Embajador cubano en Ciudad Trujillo, Orlando Daumy Amat.

Agregó Herrera Báez que el Embajador Llaverías se enteró de esta decisión del Gobierno de Cuba mientras se encontraba en viaje a La Habana, y agregó también que todo ello contrasta con la circunstancia de que en la mañana de ayer tuvo el Encargado de Negocios de Cuba en Ciudad Trujillo, señor Linares, una entrevista muy cordial con el Presidente de la República Dominicana en compañía del Embajador Llaverías.

Anuncio del Gobierno Cubano

Por International News Service

LA HABANA, 14 de mayo.—La Secretaría de la Presidencia anuncia que el embajador de la República Dominicana en La Habana, Federico Llaverías, ha dejado de ser persona grata para el gobierno de Cuba.

El Embajador, en la tarde, 14 de mayo.

INCOMING TELEGRAM

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TO: Secretary of State

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INFORMACION May 16 carries transcription part Masferrer recording with Dominican Ambassador which clearly reveals Llaverias inviting Masferrer go Ciudad Trujillo (as delegate OAS specialized conference article says) and meet Trujillo. Llaverias says he believes Trujillo would entrust to Masferrer "the military matter that he may have been promoting" in Cuba and discusses whether Batista should be immediately overthrown "because this is the moment the people are absolutely against him" or Trujillo and Masferrer should wait, meanwhile "undermining his prestige until the right moment arrives." (Reference: EMBTEL 424).

Embassy would caution that besides unlikelihood Dominicans attempting suborn Masferrer (EMBTEL 422), he is clever, ambitious, unscrupulous, publicity conscious and might perpetrate hoax. Also transcript Llaverias remarks are jerky, disjointed whereas he is fluent, prides himself as rhetorician.

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TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON

May 10, 1950

REF Embassy's telegram No. 426 of May 10.

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SUBJECT: Alleged Recording of Dominican Ambassador's Efforts to Suborn Senator Masferrer.

There are enclosed copies from Información for May 10 of the clippings referred to and commented upon in the reference telegram. Only one other paper besides Información has so far carried this particular transcript.

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Probada la ingerencia del embajador dominicano

El senador Masferrer sometió a la Comisión Senatorial la grabación de las conversaciones que sostuvo con él

Afirmase que ello provocó que lo declararan "no grato"

Como represalia, el gobierno dominicano declaró "no grato" al embajador cubano, Dr. Orlando Daumy

El motivo que impulsara al Gobierno cubano a declarar persona "non grata" al embajador de la República Dominicana en La Habana, licenciado Federico Llaverías, se ha podido saber que fué la actitud ingerentista del mencionado diplomático en los asuntos cubanos, y que fuera comprobada por unas grabaciones en cinta magnética tomadas por el senador radical doctor Rolando Masferrer y Rojas, que las presentó ante la Comisión Investigadora del Senado sobre las actividades trujillistas, que él preside.

Dicho senador, que es también director del periódico "Tiempo", celebró —según hemos conocido— varias entrevistas con el embajador de la República Dominicana en Cuba, licenciado Llaverías. El senador Masferrer imprimió una de estas entrevistas en una cinta grabadora dando a conocer el contenido de esta entrevista al referido Comité de Investigaciones de Actividades Trujillistas y al Ejecutivo.

En ella apareció que el embajador Llaverías quería que, a petición suya, el senador Masferrer fuera a Ciudad Trujillo como Delegado de Cuba a la Conferencia Especializada de Recursos Vivos del Mar, y pidió a la Cancillería cubana que lo nombraran como Delegado a esa conferencia y le

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decía al senador que él y Trujillo se entenderían frente a frente como dos buenos amigos...

Refiriéndose a Trujillo, decía: ustedes dos se pondrían frente a frente como dos buenos amigos... Convendrán esto, convendrán lo otro. Esto conviene, esto no conviene... Ustedes se van a ligar para ahora y para el futuro, para obrar de acuerdo, él con respecto de usted y usted con respecto de él; pero no solamente para la cuestión publicitaria, no, esto es cuestión secundaria.

Al preguntar el senador Masferrer: "¿Usted cree que inclusive la cuestión militar que él podría haber avanzado aquí, él me la confiaría a mí?", el embajador Llaverías contestó: "Yo creo que sí".

"Después de decir que había recibido un cable de Ciudad Trujillo diciendo que estaba conforme con el arreglo que proponía el embajador Llaverías, dice: "Venga, don Masferrer, para tratar el asunto. Conforme. Y este conforme es lo que le digo: él es el hombre que usted necesita aquí y allá para resolver todos los problemas que usted necesita resolver".

Dice más adelante: "Para que tenga esta convicción profunda de él y de usted... Que ustedes se entiendan, que ustedes sean útiles y que ustedes queden hermanados para ahora y para el futuro".

Más adelante expresa: "Depende de usted; como usted plantee las cosas y como usted le diga cómo se pueden resolver. Si usted le dice que conviene mantenerla... de Batista por un tiempo o él le diga: no me conviene por esto, esto y esto... Si ustedes convienen una acción rápida, es cuestión de ustedes".

Continúa el embajador Llaverías:

"Mire, yo entiendo que dada esta situación, podemos hacer esta acción violenta porque ahora es el momento en que está el pueblo absolutamente contra él... O combinen, no lo creo, mantenerlo ahí como lo menos malo por el momento o qué se puede hacer para conseguir socavando su prestigio hasta que llegue el momento preciso... Si usted cree que debe mantenerse eso un tiempo más o hay que hacer una acción..."

REPRESALIA DOMINICANA

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, mayo 15. (INS).—El gobierno de la República Dominicana declaró persona non grata al embajador de Cuba, Orlando Daumy Amat, en represalia por la declaración de persona non grata del embajador dominicano en Cuba, Federico Llaverías.

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FOREIGN SERVICE DESPATCH

FROM : AMEMBASSY, HABANA

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TO : THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON

REF : Embassy Despatch No. 826 of May 18, 1956.

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SUBJECT: Cuban-Dominican Relations: Allegations Regarding Trujillo Murders in Havana and the United States.

As will be seen from the clipping attached from Información for May 23, 1956, the Habana press reports that Rafael SOLER Puig, who is being held in connection with the murder last August of Dominican refugee "Pipí" HERNANDEZ Santana, appeared before a court and presented evidence intended to link Generalissimo TRUJILLO with that murder.

Regarding the persons mentioned by Soler as connected with the murder, the Embassy may clarify that Antonio SANCHEZ de Bustamante y Montoro (son of the great international jurist) is a brilliant Habana lawyer who nevertheless has several criminal and civil cases pending against him in the Cuban courts in connection with frauds which he apparently perpetrated. It is possible that he also is a wanted man in the United States. "EL MUNECO", the Embassy believes, frequently acts as body guard to José Luis MARTINEZ, Secretary-General of the National Federation of Sugar Workers.

The point in Soler Puig's testimony that has attracted most attention here is the allegation that he was offered \$100,000 to go to the United States and murder Dr. Jesús GALINDEZ. While the sensational nature of this allegation casts doubts on its truth, it has for months been quite clear that Soler Puig was involved in the "Pipí" Hernandez murder and that that murder was inspired by Dominican political considerations. In view of those circumstances the unlikelihood of Soler's allegation appears diminished.

For the Ambassador:

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LOS EXILADOS POLITICOS

DICE UN ACUSADO QUE SE PLANEÓ EN CUBA LA MUERTE DE GALINDEZ

Es Soler Puig, procesado por el asesinato del exilado dominicano "Pipí" Hernández. Varios los señalados

(Vea foto en la
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Aunque en los círculos judiciales se guarda reserva al respecto, trascendió ayer que agentes policíacos iniciaron pesquisas relacionadas con la declaración prestada ante el juez de Instrucción de la Sección Cuarta, por Rafael Soler Puig, procesado con exclusión de fianza en causa por asesinato, y la cual estiman puede dar la clave de uno de los grandes sucesos misteriosos que investiga la policía norteamericana y que presenta ribetes de interés mundial: la desaparición y presunta muerte del profesor de la Universidad de Columbia, Jesús Galindez, exilado español, hecho que afirmó el testigo fué planeado en Cuba.

El autor de la declaración referida se encuentra procesado con exclusión de toda fianza como autor material de otro hecho de implicaciones políticas internacionales: el asesinato del exilado dominicano José Hernández Santana, conocido por "Pipí", muerto a cuchilladas la noche del 8 de agosto del pasado año, en la esquina de A y 23, en el Vedado, y el cual despertó gran curiosidad pública y provocó debates en el Congreso.

En su deposición ante el juez instructor del sumario, Rafael Soler Puig, conocido por "El Muer-

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to", (sancionado e indultado por la muerte del líder obrero, Aracelio Iglesias), implicó en ambos sucesos de tipo político, el asesinato de "Pipi" Hernández y la desaparición del catedrático Jesús Galíndez, al profesor de la Universidad de La Habana, Antonio Sánchez de Bustamante y Montoro; a Policarpo Soler y la



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esposa de éste, Caridad Díaz; a un sobrino de Soler nombrado Omar Herrera Soler, y a Arnaldo Márquez Martínez, conocido por "El Muñeco".

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Las noticias captadas señalan

lados en Cuba. Y que, en el curso de la conversación, le expresó que podía "hacerse para toda su vida", ganando cien mil pesos, si se aprestaba a dar muerte, en la ciudad de New York, al profesor Jesús Galíndez.

El declarante — afirma la versión que manifestó ante el juez — se negó, aduciendo que era una empresa harto difícil y no se avenía con su carácter. Pero — asegura — que agregó el hecho siguió gestándose en La Habana, presumiendo él, por tanto, que lo llevaron a cabo elementos del citado grupo de Policarpo Soler.

También el procesado dió a conocer — de acuerdo con los detalles referidos — que "El Muñeco" y demás implicados en su declaración actuaron en otros hechos de idénticas características, entre ellos la desaparición del dominicano Mauricio Báez.

LA MUERTE DE HERNANDEZ

José Hernández Santana, conocido por "Pipi", trabajaba como capataz en las obras de construcción del Hotel "Habana-Hilton". Y en horas de la noche del 8 de agosto, caminaba por la calle A en dirección a su domicilio. Iba despreocupado, ajeno a cualquier hecho de fuerza. Y llegaba a la esquina de 25 — lugar de deficiente alumbrado —, cuando de la oscuridad surgieron tres hombres que se le encimaron, por la espalda, inmovilizándolo. En seguida, otro, de color, que se le había adelantado, se volvió. En su mano derecha brillaba un cuchillo. Se le acercó mientras él se debatía, incapaz de sacudirse a sus agresores, y lo hirió. La hoja del arma penetró varias veces en su cuerpo y Hernández se desplomó ensangrentado.

La trágica escena fué observada, a distancia, por dos miembros de la Marina de Guerra, quienes se lanzaron en pos de los agresores. Los atacantes corrieron hasta un auto situado cerca, con el motor en movimiento, el cual partió a gran velocidad.

Entonces los marinos regresaron a prestarle auxilio al herido, recogiendo y llevándolo al centro de socorros, donde falleció desangrado. En el trayecto — señalaron aquéllos — no pudo articular palabra.

CARTA AL JUEZ

Las noticias captadas señalan que hace pocos días el juez de Instrucción de la Sección Cuarta, doctor Waldo Bacallao, que conoce del sumario por la muerte del exilado dominicano José Hernández Santana, recibió una carta firmada por Rafael Soler Puig, uno de los supuestos autores materiales de ese hecho— diciéndole que estaba dispuesto a aportar detalles de gran interés en relación con la causa.

El doctor Bacallao —sigue la versión— dispuso que los funcionarios del Castillo del Príncipe procedieran a conducir a su presencia al citado procesado. Y, ayer, al mediodía, se cumplieron sus órdenes. Rafael Soler Puig fué introducido en el despacho del juez, donde permaneció, por espacio de tres horas, prestando la declaración apuntada.

Cuando terminó su declaración el procesado y firmó el acta contentiva de sus manifestaciones, fué sacado del local. Los periodistas lo abordaron.

—¿Qué dijo? —le preguntó un reporter.

—No puedo darles detalles a ustedes —respondió el procesado— porque estas cosas son secretas. Pero ofrecí detalles de importancia sobre la muerte de "Pipi".

—¿Participastes tú en eso? —insistió el reporter.

—No. Pero sé bastante del asunto.

Y el interrogatorio fué nulo en cuanto a conocer el resultado exacto de su declaración. Pero la importancia de la misma se apreció en la actividad judicial cuando el doctor Waldo Bacallao se entrevistó en su despacho con el teniente José C. Montelongo, jefe de la Sección de Homicidios del Departamento de Investigación; el cabo Roberto Rodríguez Malgoza y el agente Alejandro Herrera —ambos del propio departamento— y el detective Reinaldo Sánchez Ossorio, de la Policía Secreta, quienes abandonaron precipitadamente el local con el propósito de cumplir las órdenes dictadas.

LOS DETALLES CAPTADOS

En el Juzgado se mantuvo gran hermetismo. El juez —reflejando con ello, por otra parte, el interés que despertó el asunto desde el punto de vista procesal, de la investigación— se negó a ofrecer detalles. No obstante, tras-

grado, en el trayecto —señalaron aquellos— no pudo articular palabra.

ACTUACIONES OFICIALES

En los primeros momentos la muerte de "Pipi" Hernández se atribuyó a posibles diferencias con el personal que trabajaba a sus órdenes en la construcción del hotel. Las investigaciones para aclararlo resultaron infructuosas en aquellos instantes. Después, surgieron indicios de que se trataba de algo diferente: una agresión por motivos políticos.

Y algún tiempo después, el teniente José C. Montelongo y el cabo Roberto Rodríguez Malgoza, del Departamento de Investigación, anunciaron que el crimen estaba aclarado y detenidos los autores. Y presentaron ante el Juez, como autores materiales a Rafael E. Soler Puig, Adán Céspedes Céspedes, chofer del auto utilizado en la fuga, Oscar García Guerra, alias "El Rubio", y Robinson Done, natural de Jamaica, individuo desequilibrado.

La actuación oficial consignó que los agentes seguían una pista que señalaba a un individuo sospechoso, de color, que acostumbraba deambular cerca del edificio de la CTC y el cual desapareció de los lugares que comúnmente frecuentaba. Era —dijeron— el jamaicano Robinson Done; pero las gestiones para localizarlo fracasaron debido a que el mismo había provocado una alteración del orden y fué enviado, bajo observación, al Hospital de Mazorra.

Pero, al producirse el alta médica, lo hallaron y en el interrogatorio confesó ampliamente, narrando el hecho en la forma expuesta y señalando a los demás acusados como los individuos que lo acompañaron a cometer el crimen. Y dijo que, aparte de su actuación personal, Rafael E. Soler lo contrató ofreciéndole \$200 para que llevara a cabo la agresión. Su frase final fué: "Por cierto, que sólo me dió cincuenta".

Y, teniendo en cuenta las acusaciones concretas de la Policía Nacional, la confesión del jamaicano y otros detalles, el Juez de Instrucción de la Sección Cuarta, doctor Waldo Bacallao, dictó en aquella ocasión el auto de procesamiento —con exclusión de fianza— contra todos los imputados, entre ellos el que movilizó nuevamente, ayer, impulsados por órdenes judiciales, a los agentes policíacos.

cer detalles. No obstante, trascendió una versión. Se dijo que Soler explicó que en las investigaciones primarias, al ser instruido de cargos y procesado, no quiso perjudicar a otras personas; pero que, ahora, ante su difícil situación procesal, apareciendo responsable de un hecho que no cometió, quería revelar esos datos.

Y entonces —sigue la versión extraoficial— Rafael Soler manifestó que desde hace bastante tiempo se mueven en Cuba agentes de los gobernantes de la República Dominicana en estrecho contacto con individuos que han figurado en distintos hechos de acción, entre ellos Policarpo Soler, con el propósito de eliminar físicamente a elementos contrarios a aquel régimen y que se encuentran exilados aquí y en distintos países, entre ellos los Estados Unidos.

PLANES TENEBROSOS

La versión extraoficial, sigue relatando que Rafael Soler Puig consignó que en los meses de febrero o marzo del año 1955 la señora Caridad Díaz, esposa de Policarpo Soler, lo citó a una reunión en el bufete del doctor Antonio Sánchez de Bustamante y Montoro, en la cual estaba presente Arnaldo Márquez Martínez, conocido por "El Muñeco", quien le propuso entregarle dinero a cambio de que se dedicara a chequear las actividades y los domicilios de distintos dominicanos exi-

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There is attached a translation, given the Embassy on President BATISTA'S instructions, of what the Cuban Government alleges to be a transcript of a conversation between the former Dominican Ambassador to this country, Lic. Federico LLAVERIAS, and Senator Rolando MASFERRER.

The most important points in the transcript - the Embassy judges in the short time it has had to study it - seem to have been included in the excerpts from it that have already appeared in the press and were forwarded to the Department under cover of the reference despatch.

However, the Embassy would say that the full transcript sounds more like Ambassador Llaverias than did the press excerpts. The fulsome sentiments expressed on page 1 are quite typical of Llaverias. On page 2 also it will be noted that he takes cognizance of the fact that Masferrer has a long anti-Trujillo record.

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CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE DOMINICAN AMBASSADOR,
DR. JOAQUIN LLAVERRIAS, AND SENATOR DR. ROSENDO
MASFERRER, AT THE LA. OFFICE OF DR. HERMANO
LOPEZ LIMA, THE

(Salutations)

- M. How are you?
A. Very well. Quite happy that you are the arbiter that will settle all the problems over there and over here.
M. Let us see. May God year you...
A. ...the problems over there and over here, that is, the problems of both countries.
M. The ones over here are very complex.
A. No wonder they appointed you.
M. That's just it; because they are connected with Santo Domingo...
A. Do you know why?...because my impression is that he -- see with what frankness I talk to you. - In order to gain your ----- friendship, may possibly accede to many things. So as to gain your friendship. That is my opinion. As you know I was called by the Minister of State...
M. The Minister of State saw you?
A. Yes, of course.
M. What day?
A. The same day, and I told him this just as I am going to tell you. Well, my dear Minister...
M. What nature of a person is he...
A. ...He introduces his wife, he offers me coffee, in short, we start by drinking coffee. I told him: "Well, to steady the nerves, isn't it? "This matter of Hermida was already well advanced. I told him: "This situation has me very worried. You know that that is my country, but this one is my second country. I have my country, on one side, in the Dominican Republic, and on the other side the other half. This is making me sick; this has placed me in a situation....first, because there should be no reason for these things, and secondly because they are not convenient and no one knows what results they may have. In short, I even go to church, to pray to our Virgin of Altagracia - I told him - "that I am going to make him a present of it so that he may keep it....
M. And that Virgin, is she Santo Domingo's patron saint?...
A. She is the idol of the Dominican people. I am going to have her framed and I am going to take it to you. "So that last night, as I tell you, I invoked divine protection, of the Church, perhaps; I have spent terrible sleepless nights, but I don't know, last night I had something like a providential gift, you know? ...something like a revelation. I have seen this problem which I believe can be resolved..."How is it?".

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- A. Here is a person who, because he is a friend of the Government, because he is a Senator, because he is a terrible life-long enemy of Trujillo, and who due to his conditions of energy, character, capacity, might be the one to dot I's, cordially, in this situation, for the benefit of both governments. He told me: "Who is he?" Well, a person who is going to surprise you, but he is the only man who can settle this matter: Senator Masferrer.." He did thus ... and he smiled....
- LL. He was surprised.
- A. I told him: "No, no. To me it looks like a divine inspiration. Something that comes from Heaven. Accept it as such, because there will be no other man who can serve both parties as efficiently as he, due to different circumstances. Besides, he is the one who is the pivot of the matter; he can declare the break or crisis in the diplomatic question. I presume, of course, that with the veto power... there will be no need to take that step, of course. It isn't necessary to discuss this, but it would always be an international scandal...The only way to avoid it would be to be cordial, that he might bring to us a solution that might not be attained, it is him. Why isn't he appointed a delegate? not a confidential agent on a mission, no, no; he goes as a delegate on an official mission in so important a matter, and then he sees for himself and clears up...and does what his conscience dictates, one thing or another, but he goes there with an official mission of the Government. Appoint him a delegate there, and I will start by telling you this: that under my word of honor he shall be received with the attention and courtesy deserved by a delegate of the Cuban Government..."
- LL. This has been very good.
- A. He told me: "I am going to see the President shortly..."
- M. Don't you believe the proposal would be very bold?
- A. Which?...Yes, but very effective. Naturally, looking for a solution of the matter, and telling him that in my humble opinion, -- and he assented in that, because I told him...? Don't you believe?...And he answered: Yes, yes...The truth is that Guell has the same impression that I have, either because I impressed him or because he caught on, because a man who is Senator and who avails himself of these circumstances such as a conference of this importance to make a study of the situation, seems to me that he might be the one to come up with the solution. But I gave him to understand that as Trujillo offered his offices to smooth over roughnesses,--this I gave him to understand -- that possibly he may accede to certain things on which they may agree, once he accedes.
- LL. And how did he leave?
- A. No, no. He remained very happy, smiling, because he said; I think it is so.
- M. This happened Monday; day before yesterday...
- A. The same day...

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- M. And you have had no other relation with that?
- A. No. Because I have wanted to do nothing outside of that, that would force him to do anything...up to yesterday. Just now I received from the cable, "if I had not received the cable where they invited me to go over there, because there they are surprised that I haven't gone". Not even the Minister of Foreign Relations knew it. The Minister knows nothing either. Because it is an order given by the Minister, and the man does not come. He knows nothing either. And is surprised. And they cable me: Why have you not come?" Then, I answer officially: "Obtain details from the Secretariat of the Generalissimo." Nothing more.
- M. No steps here no matter how exaggerated, so as to give the procedure warranties, for the reasons which I told you and of the interests at stake and which I repeat, or not purely publicity, and which you shall discover, of course...in what I have told you... of course...
- LL. Look, Rolando; I believe the procedure so far has been correct. Now, Dr. Masferrer understands that he wanted to clear up the final details at this stage...
- A. Let us see, which are they?
- LL. The trip and the form...
- A. As quickly as possible.
- M. This is now a question of procedure. The decision is taken...
- LL. ...Because the question would be this...
- M. When do we leave?
- A. When you say. If we go together, the better...
- LL. As I have intervened in this, and wish to merit your confidence, because I have Dr. Masferrer's a long time ago, that you talk clearly. He was telling me that there is a number of men who are very personal enemies of his, mixed up in this matter, such as...
- M. Frankly, I wish that you in that matter would pardon me due to the gravity of the situation, if we made an exploration, because, in addition, we would advance in the treatment of the question.

(Dr. Lopes Lima invites them to coffee. There is small talk, foreign to the problem.)

- A. Look, my dear friend. I cannot show you now, but will show it to you later, the report that I sent him on this matter. And as I said, I was greatly surprised when he answered with a single word: agreeable. I told him a number of things; I tell him: "Friendship with Doctor Masferrer is for you agreeable and useful. You should by all means discuss with him, because he is a loyal man, he is a man who just like he has been a bad enemy can be a good friend and he is a man who you need for multiple reasons."
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So I told him every, everything, so that he will know that you are going there to discuss cordially and decisively all aspects that are of interest to you two. In all aspects....

- A. No, no, no. I understand that you, together with him...of course, I cannot tell him this and this, because these matters are his. God only knows what things he has or might have, but on what I pledge my word of honor is that, in the first place, he is going to receive you very cordially and with great satisfaction. He will even feel grateful for your visit. You will there treat many problems, present and future, of interest to both of you...

You two are going to meet face to face like two good friends, which you shall commence to be from the moment you greet him until he has spoken. You will tell him. You will agree to this, you will agree to the other. This is convenient, this is not. You are going to combine for now and for the future, to act in accord, he with respect to you, you with respect to him; but not only the publicity matter, no. This is a subordinate matter. The essential aspects, and the advantage that you have always appeared as an enemy of his, of being a friend of the Government as I said...gives you the faculty of bringing, and I believe that perhaps you are going to obtain from him, much, if it is really convenient that very good relations be established anew. You agree; you don't agree?, that is up to you to agree upon whatever may be; but you are going to be highly satisfied with everything, because I told him, very clearly;- I will show it to you later. "If you believe that you are not going to come to an understanding with him, the best thing will be for him not to go." Those were my words. But I understand that you will come to an understanding and it is convenient. If you are agreeable to all this, cable me..."

- M. Ambassador: what I believe is going to happen is that I will find that he has already made great strides here in this same path in which he is interested with me, and to which he wants to incorporate me...

- A. If there has been anything of that, eh? the man that is going to direct that and to come to an understanding with him, on that basis, is you.

- M. Do you believe that, including the military question on which he may have progressed here, he would confide to me?

- A. I believe so.

- M. He makes no distinctions?

- A. No, no.

- M. Because he is a man of military training...

- A. No, no. Look, my friend, I have written him a letter which I myself, after he read it, would be consider it an impudence on my part to talk to him in this manner? Will he consider that I should not say such things? That he will be in agreement,

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as I hope, in writing the word: agreeable so that it will cover everything? But he delivers it with a magnificent result. When I sent him that cable, I remained thus...and say: "Well, Masferret must go, he has to go, because everything hinges on that..."

(Coffee is served)

- M. ...That is the formula. Besides, we are dealing with matters of such concern...
- A. What were you saying?...
- Look, I am completely sure, and that is why I talked to you thus. If I had any suspicion, some doubt, I would say so. I know what I am explaining, and I know what it means to him to give me the word: agreeable (conforme). He is not the man to say a thing like that when he has not assumed the responsibility before me, of being agreeable. He does not do that... Let Don Masferrer come to deal with the matter. Agreeable, and that agreeable is with what I tell you; that agreeable is in all that I am discussing. "He is the man that you need, here and there to settle all the problems that you need to settle"...
- M. That is why I have made the decision to proceed without hesitation. But I am worried that, for example, as happened the minute that they organized over there the Peace Fair, with the international repercussions which that had, an event occurred here, wasn't it so? that completely contradicts and to a large extent annuls the efficacy of the other; that is, the matter of Pipí Hernández and others. Completely irresponsible people participated in this, and I have the impression that they have decided it, stupidly. That is to say, without any level. I do not know how people are mentioned for activities of this class...
- A. That is why I tell you: he needs an orientation in all aspects. You are going to be not only a friend, but a counsellor to whom he will listen...Now is when I am going to lock myself up with him, with you and without you. Understand?...Well, you want me to tell you. Even this: when Osorio went -- when I was in Puerto Rico we almost killed each other...and he goes there of his own free will, without being invited by anyone. This is very confidential. Well..."General Osorio"..."Osorio?, well, what happens. Let him come in" And he has just come in and he tells him: "You are no friend of mine...you have been always attacking me..." And he said: "That was when I was a young man and did not know of the tremendous job you have done transforming the people". Then he says to him: "I am glad you acknowledge that." Then: "friends? Friends." I took this precaution, and even tell you, because I love him like a brother, and told him: "I warn you of one thing: Masferrer

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is not Osorio. So that as soon as you shake hands with him it has to be with the sincerity which he deserves; because, I repeat, he is not Osorio.

M. ...Well...

A. No, no. If I know that he is going to receive you that way, I am the first to tell you: "Don't go over there...but I before...I already said so: with this cable everything is settled, but before, if it is possible for him to see you, I am going to closet myself with him..."

M. It is necessary that you do so. Do you believe that by this time he has some information on my true presence in things of a clandestine nature in the country, and the means and contacts of which I can avail myself?

A. I tell you what is true...

His honor, his word and his seriousness are in the balance. Of what I have not known and of what I do not know, I say nothing. The only thing I know is that you two are going to be reciprocally pleased and that you are going to be two elements that are going to be reciprocally useful, because I have already told you that it is beneficial for him and for you; you are two similar elements that need to understand each other and that have the best opportunity to understand each other, in every respect, for mutual benefit...

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A. Well, the only ones that will not be in accord shall be the half dozen insignificant trash which are here bunched around Juancito Rodríguez, who do not carry weight even with their family. The others, who have been with you...will follow you, because they will follow you convinced that you did something good and that they are going to be better off with you...

M. And don't you believe that this will throw me into outlawness and bring to a crisis my relations with the Cuban Government? With the Government here?

A. No, I don't believe so, because when I requested that...and you are not going because I requested it; you are going because it has been requested by Trujillo's Ambassador. When I spoke to Minister Guell, he was surprised, because he knew nothing, he smiled and thought it was a good idea...

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M. But I am worried that you have not yet been made aware of their decision...

A. To whom?

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- M. That Guell, the Minister of State, has not made known to you the reaction of the parties to whom he must have already broached this matter.
- A. Well, but he can say nothing to me, at most: "Well, mister so-and-so will be appointed..." because he is not going to discuss local political matters or anything of the kind; at most, if he tells me something, at most, it would be: "Well, your recommendation was accepted and we are going to name, or have named, mister so-and-so. He can do nothing else. I told him that that was convenient even for the Government and for the good relations between the two countries. The Government here appoints you, considering the facts, that you are going to be a useful element, useful and perhaps the only one, because as I already told you I told him: "The only man here who I believe, the only one who can bring about a solution that will be convenient to you...I do not know what is your political attitude in this respect..."
- M. I always work and make my plans on the basis of information, so as not to depend too much on imagination and either the theoretical or intellectual question...
- A. And perhaps that is best for all. I speak here with everyone worthwhile. I can assure you that Trujillo has here sensible elements, worthwhile elements, sympathy and admiration, sincerely...
- M. But it is that, inclusive, you (he?) have advanced when taking the data, no doubt....
- A. ...The President of the Commission of States of the OEA, is in Santo Domingo, and the President of Brasil, who is also a member of the Commission, is in Santo Domingo. I tell you: it is something so well thought out, that these people are now going to see with their own eyes what they cannot see otherwise, and this has been Trujillo's idea, so that these people will be convinced, more or less, of the reasons assisting the Dominican Government....
- M. And Quintanilla es now Chairman (Presidente)? ...What is Quintanilla's position?...
- A. Well, very favorable...Besides, he will do nothing while...Do you believe...Notice this detail, you say that you are a politician...How is the President (Chairman?) of the OEA, who at this moment has a responsibility the same as yours, equal to yours, in the moment in which a conflict, -- notice this detail -- this I have seen this morning, in the moment when a conflict of this nature, but which is submitted to this Peace Commission, a matter of such seriousness, how is it possible that this man would go there? The same case as yours: he goes as a delegate to...
- M. ...That the men that Trujillo has on the OEA are of top quality for having worked this out, because I am going to note that as one of his successes, positively, he has a perfect cover....

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- A. ...And not only that, the one from Brasil who belongs to the Commission... So that they have those two elements, possibly already in their favor in the Commission. And while here they say that Hermida said, that I said, that this...that to rectify... Trujillo is going to present a mountain of 20 years of accusations against Cuba...and those people, for some reason they have acted. This President is sagacious! Do you believe he is going to launch himself, like that. Neither did I believe, like you, that the President of a Commission to which something so serious is presented, would have gone --this is just between ourselves -- and this is the man that goes to Santo Domingo instead of coming here.

(Laughter)

- M. It is even indiscret...
A. No, no, no...
M. ...and that I should have to subordinate myself to people without an intellectual level and that commit mistakes of that type... Look, I know....
A. On the contrary. It is even convenient that it be so, and that you go, because he is going to place more confidence in you than in all the others...
M. And for what reason?
A. Simply because of that, because he knows, by what I have told him, what manner of a man you are. Those are nothing but some pig's feet, as we say over there, some pig's feet, in which even he will not have....
M. I want to tell your Government, in other words: they are arguing the matter internally with the argument that if Lili, that if Porfirio Díaz, of what was done in Caracas, and in addition that they, on the day following, would be the most faithful anti-Trujillistas, because they are people who never go anywhere with a clean and firm will and then they say that Trujillo's real man of confidence is Policarpo Soler, they say Eufemio Fernández and they say Menelao Mora, but that they on the day following the fact, would take care to restrict the influence of Policarpo Soler so as not to have to continue being a party to any agreement with Trujillo, on the one hand, or as is their worry, as they have no predicament in the military sector.
A. But what I can assure you is that Trujillo does not have in them the confidence that he is going to have in you, and if he has something I am not going to say that he will sidetrack it, but in combination with you is that that is used, combined with you, because I told you already, and will tell him and want to tell him when I arrive before you, that I have come from speaking with you...and then that which I have said I am

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going to tell him in a clear and definitive manner: "Chief, you know that I am decidedly yours; I have calculated this very well: You have cabled me as follows: agreeable, to all that I told you, and Masferrer knows of that cable because I showed it to him...You are not going to have neither for today nor for the future, a man more necessary for you than Masferrer, including everybody with whom you may -- without telling him so clearly -- certain connections. I am not saying that you destroy that, but have in Masferrer your man of confidence above all others...

- A. Exactly...
- M. I the innecessary the....
- A. No, Now is when it is most necessary, after you have told me that, which I did not know and I speak to you with the same frankness, I did not know there was...well now is when I understand that it is more necessary...
- A. And he is going to have it, because I have already spoken to him about it, and he tells me: "...I am going to ratify it to him. And I am going to tell him more about this conversation, and I am going to tell him in a clear and definitive manner, because I do not talk to him roundabout, nor am I afraid of him or anything of the kind...he is my "compadre". So that I talk things clearly with him, because he sees good faith. Now, as is natural, I have to have the backing of your word of honor, so that when I tell him: Chief, confide in that man....
- M. Look, you are a friend of a person who knows me well: the Minister of Justice, Senator Camacho. Tell him to give you a version of my attitude vis-avis each problem....
- A. No, no. I am satisfied with having you tell me: "Friend Llaverías: you will not feel awkward for all that you will tell the Generalísimo respecting myself. You will not be mistaken.
- M. No. For your peace of mind I will tell you that I will take care of that essential...
- A. What is more, I am going to tell you something that people don't know. I am the son of a General of such dignity, of such a great thing...my father committed suicide. If this happens to me in this matter, in which I am vouching for you so absolutely, so absolutely, for what it implies and on account of what I may tell him, and that he might doubt that all this is true, I will commit suicide....
- A. As I said, I would not tell you that you should go if I did not have the conviction that that word embraces all and that you are going to come to an understanding with him and that you are going to be a good friend of his, for reciprocal benefit, and above all for his. I would not dare tell you to go. I would have shuffled my cards, I would have awaited, but as I have this profound conviction as to you and as to him, will, I am here staking my future and everything, but with the

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certainty that you both will be useful and that you will be linked for small and great things, for now and the future....

- M. In that there is no problem....
- A. The question is to see when you will be willing to go, to see if we go together or if I go first or how...
- M. Why this very afternoon, around six o'clock, I tell you with exactness that everything is already, surely and then we will agree immediately...
- E. To know if we go together or if I go first. You tell me: "O.K. go first". I would like to go together, because when I arrive there with you, that is a good symptom for him...
- M. Ambassador: I want your position to be a responsible one...
- A. No, no, no. I am going to lock myself up with him before you have your interview...
- M. The greater your insistence there, why the easier.
- A. No, no. On that I can tell you. If I did not have this firm conviction, I would not talk to you this way, because I expose myself to appearing as a fraud. You yourself would tell me that I am a fraud, as I am assuring things. "Agreeable!" If that cable had not come, I would not have written him all this...
- M. With your diplomatic nose, which has passed through all these experiences, how do you see the Cuban scene these days? Do you notice a tension-laden atmosphere?...
- A. Lately I have heard many things...I have many friends and Batista is speculating how...before the world situation, with a feeling of the parties that there can now be no reconciliation. Even now, with everything they have called each other, the only thing that has been left unsaid is: "La puta de su madre"...with what they have already called each other.

On the other hand, it is not convenient for the President to have two fronts: the national front and the international front with Trujillo. It is bad for him. That is why I do not know of what you are going to convince yourselves...if we are here for...or if you are going to tell him: "Let us entertain him to smooth this over, or let us gin him..."

- M. He will not hesitate?
- A. It all depends on how you present matters to him and on how you tell him how they can be settled. If you tell him it is convenient to maintain that...of Batista for a time, or he tells you "it is not convenient for me, for this and that reason"...if you agree on some fast action...that matter is up to yourselves; but for Batista it is not convenient to have two front in his own country. While he had a single national front in his own country it shall never be favorable to Batista, the street....Now I do not know if you will agree that that is the lesser evil, for the time being, nor the good thing, but the less bad. If you consider that it is not convenient, because it is necessary to avail yourselves of the

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effervescence which there is in order to define the situation with him and give (strike?)...for whatever thing may turn out, the man that is going to be charged with supporting this, is going to be yourself.

M. It is going to turn out, and this to me is distasteful, because I would prefer the completely opposite, because I have a little more information surely through my own connections and necessities, as to just (or even as to) where he has advanced much...

A. Tell him... "You have your information; I have mine. Mine are these, and as we are on a plane of frankness, this, and that and that...What can I do in this matter?

Because the Ambassador has told me that the one who could be at the head of all these matters is myself...and you tell me, in view of these facts, what are your plans, to see if they are in agreement with my ideas, if we can harmonize, if....

M. You, in the interlude...between your interview and mine, would talk with me so as to arm me a little more and...

A. You will see. And then, because as you merit my confidence and as I must have you triumph...more or less, and I do not believe he will tell me, but he will tell you, but not to me, because he is a very shrewd man...but whatever it be I shall let you know, so that when you go to discuss with him, you will be oriented. That I will tell you. If he tells me... but I know that you two are going to come to an understanding, anyway, whether you already have something, or whether you haven't, or whether you combine a "modus operandi" one way or another way...because I have told him: "Have confidence. He is not going to say a lie...have confidence."

A. Well, in the event you tell him: "Look, I understand that given this situation, we can make this action violent, because now is the moment when the people are absolutely against him". Then...it is not convenient, we will settle the problem of putting an end to these differences not so?, so that I can have more power and more liberty to be able to act...or combine, I do not believe, to leave matters rest as the lesser evil, for the moment, or what can be done to be able to undermine his prestige until the right time has arrived. In that I do not know what his opinion is. I do not know either what your criterion is. If you believe this should be maintained for a time longer, or is some action must evolve....

LL. Exactly, yes, it is true...

A. He has given me a word of honor that he is going to act with greater loyalty than ever...

LL. It is going to appear that you have exag....

M. This is very serious, because....

LL. It is very serious, because he is not a man to tolerate such things.

A. How? Look, if something happens, he calls me. "You told me:

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this and that. It hasn't turned out that way. What the hell do you take me for? Why have you deceived me?" "No, I made a mistake..."

- LL. No, no, no, nothing of the sort fits in...
A. What! You made a mistake?"..."Then you're good for nothing..."
LL. Exactly.
LL. The arms factory, isn't it?
M. That interests me...
A. The matter of the aviation, who was reviewed with me..by you know whom: Guillermo Belt, who did not go with any mission, but he wanted him to see how things were in Santo Domingo...
M. He would have wished that they would have given him some mission (commission or entrustment).
A. You know that I sold two million dollars to the Government of Colombia, some machine guns....
M. And what type of machine guns do they manufacture there....
A. ...Over there they will show you everything...

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(THEY SPEAK OF THE GENERAL OF THE DOMINICAN ARMS--it appears--
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE NAME, ALTHOUGH THEY SPEAK IT.)

- M. Tell me, and did Belt see him?
A. Yes, we had lunch together...
M. Belt is a friend of his?
A. A great friend...
LL. Well, Belt has very good connections....
A. No, he went...is an old friend...Yes, we lunched together...
M. What Cuban elements are residing there?
LL. Today needs nothing of that...
M. You believe that today (hoy) would have been more merciful with Magriñat?
A. Well.....(Laughter).
LL. You know that Dr. Masferrer and I hold opposing views on the thesis of the Haitians, no? Well, I understand that that is a country where there is a terrific excess of population...
A. Of illiterates....
LL. Exactly. And...

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- A. The statement of the same Government that excess population was a calamity and that it was necessary to curb it in some manner, almost inviting Trujillo to repeat the operation, because the money that Trujillo gave was divided amongst 4 or 5 ruffians over there...and they bamboozled him...And you tell me: This is the most patriotic act that Trujillo could do..."

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- M. Although not of much Christian spirit...
- A. But, what would you have? If one, in order to fight, does not have to fire a few shots, nor less...Heaven above...and they...
- M. The Ambassador is suave in form, but hard at root...
- LL. As a good Ambassador, after all...I believe the Ambassador performs his duties fully...
- LL. You are serving your Chief...
- A. And the country...Because I know that at this moment the only one that can settle matters with Trujillo, between the two countries, is Masferrer, and that is why I have dared to give him assurances in writing, and that is why I want to trust... And besides, as I have told you, with the cable "agreeable", which for me was decisive, many other important things. Well, I have recounted a case, so special, even to what I have told him (or you?) for when you arrive...with your enemies. "you have been an enemy of mine..." I told him: "do not forget that Masferrer is not Ossorio, and that if you are not willing to treat him as he deserves, from the first moment, it is better that he does not go." That is why his man cannot change...I told him things very clearly and he has accepted them. I also told him: "Don't forget that Masferrer is not Ossorio, and that if you are not willing to receive him as he deserves, and to combine with him, and to come to an understanding with him, it is better that he does not go..." That is the reason for my insistence that he go, because I am sure that all this is going to be... because I have already told him and before...I am going to repeat: "Look here, Chief..." and he said: "No, no, no. That is arranged...What does my cable say? What was it I told you: Agreeable. There is nothing more to add."
- LL. And when will the trip be...
- M. Immediately. Tomorrow...
- LL. It cannot be delayed much...
- A. ...Do you know why? Because of this: Because in the eyes of the very people here it will be seen that matters will be handled within the Conference, because you are going as an official delegate, as I told Minister Guell: "Note that you go as a delegate he goes as a delegate...and shall be received... As he deserves...."
- LL. As he deserves....
- A. As is deserved by a delegate of the Government of Cuba, with the courtesy and the consideration merited by a delegate of the Cuban Government..." and all this has been said to Guell, with great complacency and almost telling me: "All right, go away, because I want to take the occasion to see Batista, I am going to broach the matter to him, which appears to be very good." Smiling, and as if agreeably surprised. So that is why I believe much has been done to resolve the situation because, in the first place, a man, who is the Ambassador who requests it is I, before the Government...it is I who asks for it, they

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are two different things; and on the other hand, Masferrer is a friend of this Government, a friend of the government over there, a friend of the one here, Senator, and I also brought up the question of the severing of relations: "You will understand that who has this in his hands -- I told Guell -- is Senator Masferrer...It is necessary to avoid it...I told him, because I presume that you with the veto, with the influence, will not allow this to pass by no means." "No, no, noñ don't think of that. That cannot happen..." "But nonetheless this is something rather unpleasant for American unity, increased then by what there is...while I understand that if Masferrer goes, who is a friend of yours, it may be that he will be a felicituous Ambassador in this matter, and no other is better qualified, in my modest opinion -- I told him -- that he, to settle this".

So you see I don't even tell him to name you as a confidential agent, no. Delegate to that, so that then you can say that you are appointed Delegate...because he (you) is not going for political purposes, but for the purposes of the Conference... So that as the Government itself says that it has appointed you, no one will be surprised, because you go as a delegate to that conference. For what? To watch over Cuba's interests in the confines of territorial seas...and you, as a technician, as a man of trust, go there to defend Cuba's point of view in the Submarine Conference....

- M. And you have had time to dabble in technical matters....
A. A lawyer also...?
A. I have never paid any attention to that foolish moll...I am going there to listen, and suppose you'll do the same. Perhaps at a given instance I shall defend such a point...because technicians are going there. They went yesterday, yesterday Wednesday they went...(HE UTTERS A NAME I DO NOT CATCH).
M. ...A friend of yours...
A. Why have had a photograph ordered for him in which I am with Hormita, the daughter, dancing rumba in Colombia...
(They speak of things foreign to the theme)
- M. Well, you will see that the decision I have taken has been influenced in a great measure by his character and manner of conducting himself...and, in addition, I have obtained antecedents as to his thoughts and, in short, of the possibilities...
A. I have already told you that you go in that conviction, because then I would be deceiving you...
LL. The Ambassador does not go for that...
A. No, no. The results would be fatal for me...As to how you will understand each other because it is a problem of such weight that only you two are the ones that can say: "well, I believe this and I believe the other..." and you get together as to what is to be done...In short: so that you be the man that can settle this, now, tomorrow, and that he have trust in you and count on you,

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FROM AMEMBASSY, CIUDAD TRUJILLO 111

TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON

June 4, 1956

REF Department's Telegram No. 314 of May 24, 1956.
Embassy Despatch No. 472 of May 16, 1956 and previous.

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SUBJECT: Dominican-Cuban Relations

It was with some misgivings that I approached the Dominican Government to express our hope that it "will renew efforts settle differences through diplomatic channels and refrain from public statements" with respect to its controversy with the Cuban Government, as instructed in the referenced telegram, in view of the fact that the Dominicans have all along evinced a willingness to effect a diplomatic settlement either bilaterally, or through the mediation of Venezuela and, as the Embassy has tried to make abundantly clear to the Department in previous despatches, the Dominican public utterances, since the issuance on April 20, 1956 of the IAPC Declaration, have been marked by paucity and restraint. Nevertheless, in furtherance of the Embassy's purpose to aid in every possible way in the effecting of an amicable settlement of the controversy, I again discussed the situation on June 1, 1956 with Foreign Minister Porfirio HERRERA Báez and handed him an aide memoire embodying the United States hope and viewpoint as delineated in the referenced telegram. An earlier appointment with the Foreign Minister could not be arranged due, in part, to the intervention of two official holidays last week. In view of the politely indignant reaction of Dr. Herrera, I deem it well to quote the text of our aide memoire, as follows:

"Ambassador Pfeiffer informed His Excellency Dr. Porfirio Herrera Báez, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Worship, that he had sought an interview in order to bring attention to the IAPC statement of May 24 concerning the controversy between the Dominican Republic and Cuba in which the role and the position of the IAPC was clarified.

"The Ambassador went on to say that he had noted no subsequent statement in the Dominican press concerning the matter and expressed his approbation of the public restraint displayed by the Dominican Government. He thought it would be of interest to Secretary Herrera Báez to know that the United States Ambassador in Habana had approached the Cuban Government to express the hope that the latter would renew efforts to settle differences through diplomatic channels and refrain from public statements in order to avoid further recriminations.

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"Ambassador Pheiffer said that perhaps it was unnecessary to indicate that the United States has no intention of interfering in the domestic affairs of either the Dominican Republic or Cuba. He did want to point out, however, that the United States Government is hopeful that a solution to this controversy can be reached in the interest of hemispheric cordiality and particularly in view of the forthcoming reunion of presidents in Panama. In this connection he felt it desirable to emphasize that public statements by either party can lead only to further charges and countercharges and that this would tend to complicate rather than ameliorate the controversy.

"Ambassador Pheiffer inquired whether Secretary Herrera Báez had any observations or suggestions in regard to the foregoing."

Although I made it crystal clear, both verbally and in the aide memoire, that our presentation was in no sense intended as an intervention in the domestic affairs of the Dominican Republic, it was obvious that Dr. Herrera construed it to be just that. When I emphasized that the expression of our hope that the differences between the two countries might be settled bilaterally through diplomatic channels echoed the same hope expressed by the IAPC in its Declaration of April 20, 1956, he replied that "there is a great difference between the IAPC and the United States of America." The implications of that rejoinder were perhaps that (a) the influence and power of the IAPC is insignificant compared to that of the United States, and (b) that the United States should refrain from seeking to bring unilateral influence to bear on the disputants other than through the machinery provided by the OAS. Dr. Herrera said, in effect, that we were proposing that his Government refrain from doing that which it had consistently refrained from doing and that it do that which it had all along evidenced a willingness to do. He added that if our presentation had been in the form of a diplomatic note instead of an aide memoire that, despite "the strong personal friendship which exists between us", he would have been compelled to refuse to accept it.

The Foreign Minister alleged that the Cuban press, with the encouragement and sanction of its Government, has been conducting for the past several months a campaign of "propaganda" against the Dominican Republic which has been greatly intensified since the issuance on April 20 of the IAPC Declaration. He said, in effect, that this campaign has run the full gamut of calumny. That his Government has refrained from engaging in a battle of polemics with Cuba and that its only public comment on the controversy was made immediately following the issuance of the IAPC Declaration and that such comment, in essence, evinced Dominican approval of the conclusions reached by the IAPC which, he said, "coincided" with the Dominican position as reflected by its Note, delivered to the IAPC on March 7, 1956

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by Ambassador SALAZAR, in response to the note of Cuba of February 27 to the IAPC in which its complaints against the Dominican Republic were aired. He was no doubt alluding to the communique issued by the Dominican Foreign Office on April 21 which was published in the April 22 issue of "El Caribe." Because of the fact that such communication strikes a more positive note of victory than that ascribed to it by Dr. Herrera, I deem it well to incorporate herein the text thereof, as it appeared in "El Caribe." In translation it reads as follows:

"After having very carefully examined the text of the declaration issued yesterday by the Inter-American Peace Commission with respect to the application submitted by the Cuban Government, in which it maintained certain allegations with respect to the Government of the Dominican Republic, which were, in turn, pertinently answered by the Dominican Government, the Ministry of State for Foreign Affairs and Worship wishes to express in behalf of the Dominican Government its gratitude for the impartial manner and impeccable juridical correction made by the Inter-American Peace Commission in acknowledging said application.

"Conscious of its responsibilities toward the Inter-American Peace System, to whose composition it has given such significant support, the Dominican Government received with courtesy and good will the clarifying petitions addressed to it by the Inter-American Peace Commission, notwithstanding that at the very beginning it had not the least doubt of the baselessness and temerity of the application made to the Commission by the Cuban Government, considerations which it had the opportunity to fully sustain in its allegation before said organism.

"In the face of such antecedents the Dominican Government maintains the position which it assumed during the development of the work of the Commission in this matter, by stating that it accepts in full the terms of the opinion of the Inter-American Peace Commission and will give it all the support it merits and which is compatible with the dignity and security of the Dominican nation.

"The opinion of the Commission constitutes a reaffirmation of the efficacy of the Inter-American Peace System and, in particular, the correct interpretation which that organism, under its jurisdiction and function, made of the case, in the light of a study of the deeds and considerations brought to its attention and which motivated its opinion.

"For the Dominican Foreign Office it is also a reason for satisfaction that the Inter-American Peace Commission has accepted in its opinion the conclusions regarding the allegation submitted to the Commission by the Dominican Government."

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As the Embassy advised the Department in previous despatches, there was no mention at all in the Dominican press of the controversy with Cuba prior to the IAPC Declaration, nor have we discovered any press mention thereof since April 20 except for the "El Caribe" item of April 22. It thus appears that the numerous blasts in the Cuban press against the Dominican Republic during recent weeks, in which Trujillo was accused of uttering "falsehoods", were based on this one item.

Dr. Herrera expounded at length on various facets of Dominican-Cuban relations. His exposition, in the main, was a reiteration of Dominican contentions which the Embassy has previously transmitted to the Department. However, for the sake of the record, I deem it well to give the following digest covering the main points with which the Foreign Minister dealt:

1. On the very day (February 22) Cuban Ambassador DAUMY delivered two notes, dealing with the alleged Cuban grievances, to the Foreign Office he, accompanied by his family, departed for Habana leaving his Mission in charge of a third power (Panama), without notifying the Foreign Office of such actions. Nor did Daumy notify the Foreign Office of his return to Ciudad Trujillo on February 24 until several days thereafter. Hence, although the Dominican Government was desirous of making a prompt reply to the Cuban notes, it was deprived of the diplomatic means of doing so.

2. He again emphasized that SANCHEZ Hinojosa was not in the service of the Dominican Government during his sojourns in Haiti and Cuba. Moreover, on learning that Sánchez Hinojosa intended to seek asylum in Cuba, following the refusal of Haiti to extradite him to the Dominican Republic, the Dominican Government asked Cuba not to give him asylum. Hence, Herrera asked, how can the Dominican Republic be validly accused of sending Sánchez Hinojosa to Cuba as a spy? He asserted that Sánchez Hinojosa returned to the Dominican Republic as a result of an invitation from his Government which was issued in a spirit of forgiveness.

3. He deprecated the importance of the charges made by Dominican General HERMIDA to the effect that Cuban General TABERNILLA had furnished arms to Dominican exiles, and maintained that BATISTA was utilizing the same as a foil in an effort to lower the temperature of the domestic hot water in which he is floundering.

4. That when the IAPC refused to grant the Cuban request that investigators be sent to Cuba and the Dominican Republic to assay the Cuban allegations of hostile activities against Cuba by the Dominican Republic, the Cuban Senate set itself up as an investigative body with the preconceived idea of effecting a rupture of diplomatic relations between the two countries. That this was

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an unprecedented usurpation by the Legislative Branch of a Government of the powers of the Executive Branch, in the sense that the Senate is trying to conduct the foreign affairs of Cuba whereas such activity is in every country the sole prerogative of the Executive. He labeled Senator MASFERRER as the moving spirit in the Senate crusade against the Dominican Republic, and pointed out that Masferrer was the "organizer and leader" of the Cayo Confites expedition and that "hate of Trujillo is his second nature."

5. He asserted that the manner in which the Cubans declared Dominican Ambassador Federico LLAVERIAS persona non grata was also unprecedented in the sense that no advance notice or explanation of such action was given to his Government. That such action came as a complete surprise is evidenced by the fact that Llaверias was en route to Habana at the time it was taken.

6. He characterized as incomprehensible the Cuban rejection of the Venezuelan effort to mediate the controversy in the light of the fact that Cuba had sought such mediation. He said, in effect, that a negotiated diplomatic settlement is a two-way street and cannot be effected unilaterally.

On the morning of June 2, 1956 the Foreign Minister invited me to confer with him again at noon that day. On arriving at his office he said that he wished to substantiate his claim that the Cuban press had been, and is, engaged in a campaign of vituperation against the Dominican Republic. He handed me a sheaf of clippings from Cuban newspapers and magazines, all of recent vintage, which I judged to be at least three inches thick. The central themes of these clippings were that Trujillo and his Government had made false statements about Cuba and is threatening Cuba with aggression to the point of armed invasion.

Perhaps the most offensive and provocative clipping was a cartoon from the May 29, 1956 issue of "El Pueblo" titled "Un Chapon Para Chapita" -- "Chapita" being a derisive Cuban nickname for Generalissimo Trujillo. The Generalissimo was depicted with porcine features with a cork rammed in his mouth, and the cork was labeled "Aclaración de la CIP" (referring, no doubt, to the clarifying statement issued by the IAPC on May 24). The cartoon shows the Generalissimo wearing his plumed Admiral's hat surmounted by a skull and crossbones.

Dr. Herrera also handed me a copy of the June 1 issue of the Habana newspaper "El Mundo" bearing a front-page headline reading, in translation, "Cuba Fears Attack from Santo Domingo." The article asserts that such fear is based on the report that the Dominican Republic has just purchased "10 bombers and 10 jet planes" in the

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United States and it is surmised that these planes will be used to mount an attack on Cuba. COMMENT: The Embassy is unaware that the Dominicans have ever acquired such aircraft in the United States.

Dr. Herrera related that the Cuban Chargé d'Affaires, Dr. Francisco LINARES Blasquez (for whom he expressed a favorable regard) recently advised him that his son had been nominated as Commercial Attaché to the Cuban Embassy in Ciudad Trujillo, and inquired whether he would be persona grata. The Dominican answer was in the affirmative. A few days later Dr. Linares informed the Foreign Minister that Cuba wished to send still another Commercial Attaché to Ciudad Trujillo, in the person of Orlando PLACERES Guerra, and inquired whether he, too, would be acceptable. The Dominican investigation disclosed that Placeres was a close friend and associate of former Ambassador Daumy who, as I learned for the first time from Dr. Herrera, was in bad odor with the Dominican Government even before the present Dominican-Cuban controversy arose. Herrera said that Daumy was wont to make slighting remarks about the Dominican Republic and its people, on several occasions he took his leave from ceremonies and social functions prior to the departure of the President and the Generalissimo and was guilty of other manifestations of discourtesy to the host government. He therefore advised the Cuban Charge "in confidence" that the Dominican Government preferred that "someone else" be nominated for the position in question. The Cuban press is apparently attempting to make this informal Dominican rejection of Placeres another cause célèbre as evidenced by the fact that, in two or three Cuban press clippings which Dr. Herrera showed me, it is characterized as "a new aggression" by the Dominican Republic. Herrera said that such construction is preposterous, and emphasized that his Government would cheerfully receive any Cuban diplomatic attaché who, in its judgment, is free of bias.

COMMENT: A dispassionate view of this situation leads to the conclusion that it was sparked by the Hermida charges against Tabernilla, but that the temperate Dominican public attitude, at least since the issuance of the original IAPC Declaration, indicates a Dominican willingness to call it quits. On the other hand, Cuba seems definitely disposed to keep the controversy blazing due, perhaps, to its domestic political situation and the pressure exerted by Dominican exiles and other anti-Trujillo forces. So long as these conditions obtain it would be ill-advised, in my judgment, for our Government to make further representations to the Dominican Government similar to those encompassed in the Embassy's aide memoire of June 1. Should the Dominican Republic resume its initial role of provocateur or should it become more aggressive,

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it will be appropriate, of course, for us to again try to restore it to its present mood which, if shared by Cuba, would augur well for bilateral diplomatic settlement.

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Embassy's D-511 of June 4, 1956 and previous. Embassy Habana's D-878 (Weeks) of June 6. Undated letter (copy received at this Embassy on June 9) from Ambassador R.T. Davis to H.A. Hoyt, Esquire.

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I conferred with Foreign Minister Porfirio HERRERA Báez, at his invitation, yesterday afternoon. He said that he wished to resume our discussions of June 1 and 2 relating to the above subject. (Embassy's despatch No. 511).

Dr. Herrera said that Cuban Chargé d'Affaires Francisco LINARES had notified him that he was returning to Habana for a temporary stay and that he would thereafter return to Ciudad Trujillo to resume his duties as Chargé. However, according to Dr. Herrera, stories in the Cuban press state that the recall of Linares to Habana is permanent and that he has been replaced as Chargé here by Mario DE ARCE who, Dr. Herrera told me, is expected to arrive in Ciudad Trujillo today (June 12) to assume his duties of Cuban Chargé. Having in mind the statement of Cuban Minister of State GUELL to Ambassador GARDNER, as reported in Embassy Habana's referenced despatch, to the effect that De Arce had "served in the Dominican Republic before", I asked Dr. Herrera to brief me on De Arce's previous diplomatic service. He said that he was uninformed on this score, except that he knows that De Arce is a career diplomat and that his father, Francisco DE ARCE y Pilon served during the year 1945 as the Cuban Minister to the Dominican Republic. That the elder De Arce is now serving as the Cuban Ambassador to Haiti and, as shown by the files of the Dominican Foreign Office, he is 80 years old, having been born in 1876.

Dr. Herrera said that Ambassador De Arce "has demonstrated his hostility" to the Dominican Republic which, he fears, has had a contagious effect on his son. Indeed, he surmises that Cuba is sending Mario de Arce here primarily because of his antipathy toward the Dominican Republic. Moreover, Dr. Herrera fears that De Arce will be strongly influenced by his father and that a "pipe line" between the Cuban Embassy in Ciudad Trujillo and Port-au-Prince will be in continuous operation. (COMMENT: The referenced letter from Ambassador Davis to Mr. Hoyt gives us striking proof of the enmity of Ambassador de Arce to this country. I allude to statements made by him to

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Ambassador Davis to the effect that "Trujillo is in power" because the United States does not "take effective action against him." Moreover, his amazing suggestion to Ambassador Davis that the Dominican Government would fall "if our dock workers should refuse to unload sugar from the Dominican Republic.")

Dr. Herrera said that, despite his Government's forebodings concerning the hostile attitude of Mario De Arce and the fear that he will be under the influence of his father, he will be accepted as the Cuban Chargé in furtherance of the Dominican purpose to try to get along with Cuba.

The conversation then took a rather surprising turn in the sense that Dr. Herrera, for the first time in his conversations with me, voiced fear that Cuba is on the verge of breaking diplomatic relations with the Dominican Republic at the instigation of the Cuban Senate. He said that Cuba is apparently seeking a "pretext" for doing so. He said, moreover, that the "rigid attitude" of Cuba makes it apparent that it is not disposed to settle the controversy except on terms which would be "humiliating" to the Dominican Republic. He rather plaintively pointed out that his Government did not sever diplomatic relations with Cuba at the time of the Cayo Confites expedition even though such adventure involved an attempted armed invasion of this country.

The Foreign Minister said that, regardless of the discouraging factors which he had dealt with in our three conferences on this subject, he ~~has~~ prepared a "formula" of his own for a bilateral diplomatic settlement, which he intends to submit to Chargé De Arce in the very near future. He said that it was not in the nature of a "sudden inspiration" as he had, in fact, drafted a preamble to the formula while Cuba's charges against the Dominican Republic were still being considered by the IAPC. He said that he was not at liberty to divulge the details of the formula to me prior to its submission to the Cuban Chargé.

COMMENT: The foregoing reinforces my feeling, as expressed in the closing paragraph of our Despatch No. 511, that the Dominicans wish "to call it quits" on terms which will not be humiliating to their country. They have good cause to fear that the adverse public opinion against the Dominican Republic which has been generated throughout the world, and in the United States and Latin America in particular, in the wake of l'affaires Ornes and de Galindez would be compounded by the severance of its diplomatic relations with Cuba. Moreover, the thought expressed by Ambassador Davis in his referenced letter, to the effect that high Haitian officials would be disposed to follow the lead of Cuba in severing relations with this country, may loom ominously in Dominican calculations.

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