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UNITED STATES - CUBAN BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

The Embassy has been advised informally by Dr. Francisco de Velasco, of the Cuban Civil Aeronautics Commission, that the Cuban Government within the next few days very likely will request the early resumption of conversations seeking a mutually satisfactory interpretation of the Bilateral Air Transport Agreement.

Similar conversations last May ended with the submission by Mr. Joseph WATSON, of the Civil Aeronautics Board, of a formula which might be considered for regulating capacity on the Habana - Miami route, following which the U. S. representatives asked for postponement of further discussion during a period of 30 to 45 days. As this time has now been considerably exceeded the Embassy would appreciate the views of the Department and of the CAB on the possibility of acceding to the Cuban request.

If the formula proposed by Mr. Watson is acceptable to the CAB there is reason to believe that the Cubans would welcome it as a basis for negotiation and might be inclined toward accepting most of the terms. In the absence of such U. S. concessions it appears quite possible that Cuba may decide to act unilaterally in an effort to obtain what local interests consider a more adequate share of the Habana - Miami traffic.

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SUBJECT: United States - Cuban Bilateral Air Transport Agreement

TO: The American Embassy, HABANA

Reference is made to the Embassy's despatch No. 163 dated August 26, 1955 concerning the early resumption of conversations looking toward a mutually satisfactory interpretation of the Air Transport Agreement. The Civil Aeronautics Board has requested the Department to seek a further postponement of these conversations until later this fall. The Embassy's recommendation is requested as to what effect such a postponement might have on our aviation relationships. It is requested that the Department be informed of the Embassy's views by telegram.

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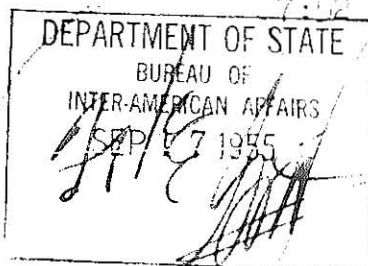
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Reference: Department A-76.

Account steadily increasing pressure Cuban officials report they must obtain mutually satisfactory interpretation air agreement year-end or take unilateral action aid Cia Cubana. On this basis, Embassy believes postponement feasible November or early December provided CAB now assures willingness consult them.

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Info:

Re. discussion interpretation Air Agreement. US agreeable send representative to Habana renew discussions at date specified by Cuban Government after January 1, 1956. Due personnel shortages and other negotiations it would work hardship US send representative sooner. However if imperative open discussions this month advise soonest.

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Re DEPTTEL 154

Cuban Government agreeable delaying air agreement discussions to January 1956 and suggests January 9 as beginning date.

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