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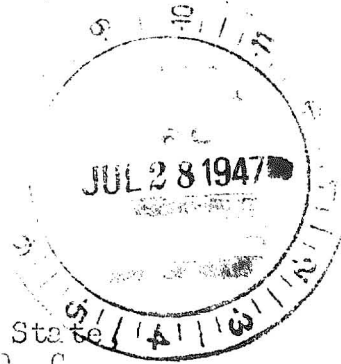
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Subject: Statement of President of Aerovias "Q"
Regarding Future Plans of His Company.



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The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that in the June issue of the magazine "Republica" there appeared a brief interview with Colonel QUEVEDO, President of the Cuban airline Aerovias "Q", S. A. The principal statement of interest made by Colonel Quevedo was that, while his company does not at present receive a Cuban Government subsidy, either a Government subsidy or Government investment in his Company will be essential if the company's present plans are to be realized.

Briefly the statements made by Colonel Quevedo in his interview were as follows:

"Aerovias "Q" has three national routes to Varadero, Isle of Pines, and Holguin, with stops in Camaguey, Cunagua and Jaronú, an international route to Key West, and another route to Haiti awaiting approval by the Haitian Government. It has three 21-passenger Douglas DC-3's and two 28-passenger Douglas DC-3's, and that within the next 45 days Aerovias "Q" expects to inaugurate an air express service both national and international. Colonel Quevedo said that they are carefully studying the possibility of a service to Spain but that will have to wait until economic conditions of their line permit them to acquire equipment necessary for international flights of such a nature." (See Embassy's Despatch No. 4152 dated July 9, 1947.)

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"Colonel Quevedo elaborated on his plans for Aerovias "Q", saying that the principal reason this line was established was to provide Cuba with a system of air transport for passengers, express, mail and freight which was strictly and completely Cuban and they intended to capitalize on Cuba's geographical position by expanding their line to include flights to all of North, South and Central America, thus making Cuban independent of foreign companies on which it has had to depend in the past for air transport. Within the coming six months Aerovias "Q" hopes to operate services to Haiti, San Juan, Puerto Rico, all the Caribbean republics and possibly New York and San Francisco.

"When asked whether or not his company received Government subsidies, Colonel Quevedo said that while it does not receive a subsidy at the present time, if all Aerovias "Q"'s plans are to be realized the Government will have to invest money in his company."

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:


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