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Dr. Pando, Cuban Chargé, accompanied by American lawyer defending Cubans on trial Los Angeles for violation neutrality laws called yesterday to express particular concern re defendant Armando Lora alleging he now in Cuba in position Vice Prime Minister and unable return U.S. for trial thus subjecting him loss of bail. Other defendants all now in Los Angeles and lawyer feels judge disposed leniency speaking of probation or small fine. Pando and lawyer will speak with Justice officials here April 2.

Does Embassy feel position Lora (and possibly others) such that significant ill feeling or embarrassment U.S.-Cuban relations could result over trial or bail forfeiture?

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