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No. 4131

Subject: Concern of Brazilian Ambassador with regard to writings of Gaston BAQUERO in "Diario de la Marina".

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

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a memorandum regarding a conversation between the Brazilian Ambassador to Cuba and Second Secretary Desvernine of this Embassy, in which the Ambassador expressed his concern over the writings of Gaston BAQUERO, of the "Diario de la Marina", with respect to the resignation of Mr. Braden, the personality of the late President Roosevelt, and the principles of Hispanidad. Translations of three of Baquero's recent articles have been forwarded to the Department under cover of the following despatches:

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No. 4083 of June 13, 1947; No. 4099 of June 20, 1947; and 4113 of June 24, 1947.

To the material contained in the memorandum there may be added the circumstance that, according to the Ambassador, it was Sra. de Rivero who approached Vice President de Cárdenas to ask for his suggestions as to possible improvements in the "Diario de la Marina", and the Vice President who opened discussion of the matter with the Ambassador, a close friend, who in reply commented on Baquero's vituperative writing. It is believed probable that a word of caution from the Vice President to Sra. de Rivero will be seriously considered, much more so, indeed, than any representations which might have been made to the paper's executives through any other channel.

Respectfully yours,

For the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.:

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Second Secretary of Embassy

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Memorandum regarding conversation between the Brazilian Ambassador to Cuba and Embassy officer.

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MEMORANDUM

Remarks by Brazilian Ambassador regarding
recent articles in "Diario de la Marina".

At the reception given by Colonel Glenn last Saturday evening, the Brazilian Ambassador, Sr. Alves de SOUSA, asked me whether I had read recent articles written in the Diario de la Marina by Gaston BAQUERO, to which I replied affirmatively. He referred in particular to the article written on the subject of Mr. Braden's resignation and to subsequent articles on the subject of Hispanidad. The Ambassador said he was disturbed about these pieces and had reported them promptly to his Foreign Office in Rio. He remarked that while Baquero's reputation is very unsavory, the Diario is widely read and that this type of writing is not only harmful to the United States but to Brazil as well. (While the Ambassador did not further explain this, it may be assumed that the concept of Hispanidad, which applies only to people of Spanish origin, must be distasteful to the Brazilians.)

The Ambassador said that he had recently brought the matter up with the Vice-President, Dr. Raul de CARDENAS, who is a close and intimate friend of Sra. de Rivero, the owner of the Diario de la Marina. Dr. de Cardenas had agreed with the Ambassador's views regarding Baquero's articles and had stated he would endeavor to persuade Sra. de Rivero of the undesirability of such publications.

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