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TO : A-Br- Mr. Duran absent

DATE: August 14, 1946

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SUBJECT: President Grau indicates that he will not seek re-election.

The Minister of State in a recent conversation with Ambassador Norweb stated that President Grau had informed him that he does not wish to run for re-election, and that his choice of candidate to succeed him is Prime Minister Carlos PRIO Socarrás. The President feels that during the balance of his term he will be able to consolidate the accomplishments of his administration to the point where his successor should be able to carry on the good work with such guidance and counsel as he might give. The President further feels that his retirement upon the completion of his term of office will serve as a beneficial historical example, both for Cuba and the other American Republics.

The President's statement lends substance to previous declarations in the same sense made by Senator Chibás and other Auténtico spokesmen.

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