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The Honorable  
The Secretary of State,  
Washington

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a translation of the January 6 editorial of the Habana mid-morning daily "Alerta", which bears principally on international affairs, including those of the United Nations.

"Alerta" is, as is well known to the Department, together with the closely associated "Diario de la Marina", representative of the sectors of Cuban opinion which are most conservative with respect to social and political matters. Both papers are characterized by a bitterly anti-Communist outlook, giving expression to which is the central purpose of the attached Jeremiad attending the turn of the year.

Of most interest in connection with the business handled at the recent session of the General Assembly of the United Nations at New York is the decidedly unfavorable light in which the paper views the Assembly's resolution regarding the Spanish question. The paper is almost professionally pro-Franco; but it is only fair to add that a more important daily, "Información", which is usually even-handed in its treatment of international news, has published somewhat similar comment. It has not to my knowledge, however, duplicated "Alerta's" accusation that the late Session was in any degree complacent regarding, or subservient to, the wishes of the Eastern European group of states.

The concern for the treatment of the supporters of the vanquished Axis system, expressed in the second paragraph of this editorial, and the bewildering references to Japan and to the Jews in the fifth paragraph, are thus far without parallel in other Cuban papers.

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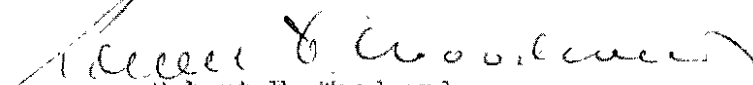
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The word "comunoid" (comunoides), used in the next-to-last paragraph, has become current in Cuban anti-Communist circles to describe any person, group, or movement inclined to fall in with the Communist line more often than might be considered casual. It is often applied, by extremists in opposition to left-ist trends, to such administrations as those of Guatemala, Venezuela, and Chile. It was in frequent use by the most active members of the Cuban delegation to the recent session of the General Assembly at New York.

respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

  
Robert F. Woodward  
Counselor of Embassy

Enclosure:

Translation of January 6 editorial in "Alerta".

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