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FROM: Habana

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 657, September 9, 11 a.m.

Though Embassy has no first hand evidence preparation in Cuba new anti-Dominican expedition following extremely disquieting reports received recently.

Military intelligence sources Miami report Reinolde Ramirez Rosell in California attempting make contracts purchase B-17 and P-51 type aircraft. Ramirez states he is associated with Cubans in high government positions. He was one principal purchasing agents 1947 expedition. Other military intelligence sources Miami report captain Cuban Navy school ship PATRIA recently in Miami stated revolutionary movement against Trujillo again being aided high Cuban authorities. This naval officer added he had been recently ordered take PATRIA on several "training trips" in violation international law insofar as Cuban-Dominican relations concerned. PATRIA known to have been operating south Cuba and to have made trip to Grand Cayman Island.

Cuban Army official recently told military attache Cuban Navy again involved anti-Dominican activities. Unwillingness Aguila Ruiz participate given reason for his removal. Embassy also informed Mexico might assist new venture. This source also says something going on but will not happen immediately. Embassy has some reason suspect Arevalo killed spying for Trujillo.

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TO : CRB - Mr. March *W* ARA - Mr. Woodward *W* DATE: 13 Sept. 13, 1948
 FROM : Mr. Walker *W* Mr. Daniels *W*
 SUBJECT: CRB - Mr. Mackay
 Recent Activity of Reinaldo Ramirez Rosell and Cuban Navy School Ship Patria.

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(3) Miss Ulbrich (FC) informed me this morning that, pursuant to our request of September 1, a check had been made with Customs to determine whether they had any information which might substantiate Embassy Habana's Secret Tel. 657 of September 9, 1948 concerning recent reported irregular activity of Reinaldo Ramirez Rosell in California and the Cuban Navy School ship in the Caribbean.

Miss Ulbrich stated that Customs had received one further report from its agent in Los Angeles since Mr. Westwater's attached memorandum of August 25 describing similar activity of "Dr. Rosselli" (whom Customs now admitted was Ramirez Rosell). Ramirez Rosell, according to this latest report, was still in California but no further materiel procurement ventures had been uncovered.

Customs, Miss Ulbrich stated, had nothing to report on the recent activity of La Patria.

Both La Patria and the activity of Ramirez Rosell will be kept under surveillance by Customs, and Miss Ulbrich will inform CRB of any new developments.

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