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To: Department of State

From: HABANA 677 March 24 1950

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Subject: CUBAN INVITATION FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST CENTENNIAL OF THE CUBAN FLAG.

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There is enclosed, in translation, a copy of note No. 652 dated March 14, 1950 from the Cuban Minister of State extending on behalf of his Government an invitation to the United States to send representatives of the Armed Forces to participate in the celebration of the First Centennial of the Cuban Flag. There is also enclosed a copy of the Embassy's note No. 211 of March 23, 1950 acknowledging receipt of the invitation.

The celebration is to take place in the city of Cárdenas on May 19 and 20. The Embassy as yet is not informed as to the exact program for those days, but much publicity is already being given to the event and it is evident that the Cubans intend to make it an outstanding occasion.

In view of the importance of the celebration to Cuba, it is recommended that representatives from the Army, Navy and Air forces be designated to represent the United States at the ceremony. The Senior Military Attaché is in accord with this recommendation.

For the Ambassador:


C. Burke Elbrick
Counselor of Embassy

Enclosures:

1. Translation of Ministry's note No. 652 of March 14, 1950.
2. Copy of Embassy's note No. 211 of March 23, 1950.

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Enclosure No. 1 to Habana's 677

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REPUBLIC OF CUBA
MINISTRY OF STATE
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Habana, March 14, 1950

Mr. Ambassador:

I have the honor to address Your Excellency for the purpose of advising you that inasmuch as 100 years have elapsed since the creation of our national flag which was raised for the first time on our land by the heroic forces of Narciso López, the Government and people of Cuba have wished to commemorate this outstanding event in the history of our nation by celebrating the First Centennial of the Cuban Flag.

Among the events that will take place are those to be held in the City of Cárdenas, the place chosen to enjoy the first display of our flag, on May 19th and 20th of this year, and my Government would be very pleased and proud to have there a representation of the Armed Forces of your nation, participating with us in this celebration.

At the same time I am pleased to advise you that the reason that has moved my Government to invite Your Excellency's Government, through your valued medium, aside from the mutual sympathy and understanding that has always existed between the two countries, is the fact of the valuable cooperation and aid which your country gave to the expedition of Narciso López.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ernesto Dihigo

His Excellency
Robert Butler,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America,
Habana.

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Enclosure No. 2 to Habana's 677

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No. 211

Habana, March 23, 1950

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note No. 652 of March 14, 1950 extending on behalf of the Government of Cuba an invitation for representatives of the Armed Forces of my Government to participate in the celebration of the First Centennial of the Cuban Flag to be held in the city of Cárdenas on May 19 and 20.

I wish to thank Your Excellency for this kind invitation and for the reference made to the historical part played by the United States in the events connected with the expedition of the Cuban hero Narciso López. I am pleased to inform Your Excellency that I have today transmitted the invitation to the Department of State.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Robert Butler)

His Excellency
Dr. Ernesto Dihigo,
Minister of State,
Habana.

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In reply refer to
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The Secretary of State transmits for appropriate action by the Secretary of Defense a copy of a despatch from the American Embassy in Habana, Cuba, with which is enclosed translation of a note from the Cuban Minister of State extending on behalf of his Government an invitation to the United States to send representatives of the Armed Forces to participate in the celebration of the first centennial of the Cuban flag.

The Secretary of State is of the view that, if convenient to the Department of Defense, such representation would assist in the promotion of friendly relations between the United States and the Republic of Cuba.

The reply of the Secretary of Defense will be appreciated for transmittal to the Cuban Minister of State.

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✓ Despatch 677 from
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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FROM: HABANA 796, April 5, 1950

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REF: EMBASSY'S DESPATCH NO. 677, March 24, 1950

SUBJECT: FIRST CENTENNIAL OF CUBAN FLAG; INVITATION TO UNITED STATES
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With reference to the Embassy's despatch cited above, there are enclosed a copy and translation of note No. 798 of March 31, 1950, from the Cuban Acting Minister of State expanding upon a previous note inviting United States participation in the First Centennial of the Cuban Flag, which is to take place next month.

It will be noted that the Cuban Government invites the participation of units of the United States Navy in the "historic peregrination" commemorative of the Narciso López expedition of 1850. The Cuban Government apparently hopes that American Naval units will join Cuban Naval vessels which will visit the port of New Orleans on May 9 and will depart therefrom on May 11 for Progreso, Yucatan, where the combined forces will be joined by a Mexican Naval unit and proceed to the port of Cárdenas, stopping at the Islas Mujeres en route. It is expected that the ships taking part in this "peregrination" will arrive in Cárdenas on the morning of May 19 where they will be received by the President of the Republic.

Another aspect of this First Centennial of the Cuban Flag will be an inter-American military review which will take place in Habana on May 20 when it is hoped that United States forces and warships will be present. The Cuban note makes no mention of the nature or size of the American representation which is expected to take part in these events and it is hoped that the Naval Attaché of the Embassy will be able to obtain further details shortly.


In view of the elaborate preparations which the Cuban Government is making for this celebration, the Embassy believes that it would be entirely appropriate for the United States Navy to be represented on this occasion. Because of the shortness of time it is requested that the Department inform the Embassy of its decision in the matter as promptly as possible.

For the Ambassador:

Enclosures:

1. Copy of note from Cuban Acting Minister of State, March 31, 1950;
2. Translation.

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C. Burke Elbrick,
Counselor of Embassy

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MINISTERIO DE ESTADO

La Habana, 31 de marzo de 1950

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Señor Embajador:

~~Tengo el honor de dirigirme nuevamente a Vuestra Excelencia, en relación con los festejos que celebraremos en Cárdenas y La Habana, con motivo de cumplirse el Primer Centenario de la Bandera de Cuba.~~

En mi nota anterior le manifesté los deseos de mi Gobierno de que el de Vuestra Excelencia enviara una representación de sus Fuerzas Armadas a fin de participar junto con nosotros en los actos que se efecturán los días 19 y 20 de mayo próximo.

Al reiterarle los deseos de mi Gobierno de contar con la cooperación de vuestra Patria en actos de tan gran significación para Cuba, y como ampliación de nuestra nota de 14 de los corrientes, debo participar a Vuestra Excelencia que dichos actos están divididos en dos partes: Peregrinación Histórica Conmemorativa de la Expedición de Narciso López en 1850 y Revista Militar Interamericana.

La Peregrinación Histórica Conmemorativa se iniciará el día 7 de mayo, zarpando del Puerto de La Habana las Unidades Navales Cubanas, que conducirán Fuerzas de Desembarco, una Compañía del Ejército Nacional, la Comisión Oficial del Gobierno de Cuba y la Delegación designada por la Comisión Interamericana Organizadora del Primer Centenario de la Bandera de Cuba.

El Escuadrón Naval Cubano llegará al Puerto de Nueva Orleans pasado el mediodía del día 9 de mayo, permaneciendo en dicho Puerto hasta el día 11 en zarparán antes de la puesta del Sol.

Durante el tiempo de permanencia en Nueva Orleans, desembarcarán en dicha Ciudad la Comisión Oficial, la Comisión Interamericana del Centenario, las Fuerzas Militares y Navales y la Banda de Música designada por las Fuerzas Armadas de la República.

Al zarpar el Escuadrón Naval Cubano, el día 11, se le unirán los buques de Guerra Norteamericanos, con fuerzas de desembarco y las Comisiones Oficiales del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos y de la Ciudad de Nueva Orleans.

El día 13 de mayo por la tarde arribarán al Puerto de Progreso, en Yucatán, República de México, los buques de Guerra cubanos y norteamericanos procedente de Nueva Orleans. Las Fuerzas Militares que viajen en estos buques, conjuntamente con las Comisiones Oficiales de uno y otro país, desembarcarán para pasar

Al Excelentísimo Sr. Robert Butler,
Embajador Extraordinario y Plenipotenciario
de Estados Unidos de América en Cuba.

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a Mérida, donde tendrán lugar los festejos en honor de nuestra bandera.

Terminados los actos que tendrán lugar en Mérida, las Fuerzas Militares y las Comisiones Oficiales Cubanas y Norteamericanas regresarán al Puerto de Progreso, de donde zarparán los buques de ambas Naciones, conjuntamente con un Escuadrón Naval Mexicano, que conducirá las Fuerzas Militares y la Comisión Oficial de México.

La Escuadra integrada por buques de las tres Naciones, hará escala en el lugar de Islas Mujeres, donde realizó sus últimas prácticas militares Narciso López, desembarcando comisionados de los tres países para develar un pequeño monolítico que Cuba erigirá como recuerdo del trascendental acontecimiento histórico interamericano que allí tuvo lugar.

Seguidamente los buques de los tres países, con todas las Fuerzas Armadas y las comisiones oficiales que conducen zarparán rumbo a Cárdenas, en cuyo Puerto entrarán a las ocho de la mañana del día 19 de mayo para ser recibidos por el Honorable señor Presidente de la República.

La Revista Militar Interamericana - que complementa y cierra los festejos interamericanos del Centenario de la Bandera, pero que debe realizarse por separado de la Peregrinación - tendrá efecto en La Habana, el día 20 de mayo, y en la misma participarán Fuerzas Navales y Militares de los Países, que para honrar a nuestra bandera con motivo de su Primer Centenario, envíen sus buques de guerra a nuestro Puerto en los días comprendidos entre el 18 y el 22 de dicho mes de mayo.

Al reiterarle, una vez más, la invitación de mi Gobierno al de Vuestra Excelencia, para que nos honre con su cooperación en la Peregrinación Histórica Conmemorativa y la Revista Militar Interamericana, que en honor de nuestra Bandera tendrán efecto el próximo mes de mayo, concurriendo con las Fuerzas Navales y Militares de vuestro País, asimismo ruego a su Excelencia solicite de su Gobierno los permisos y autorizaciones necesarias a fin de poder desembarcar y estar la expedición en tierras de su País.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para reiterar a Vuestra Excelencia, el testimonio de mi más alta consideración.

RAUL RUIZ

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MINISTRY OF STATE
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Havana, March 31, 1950

Mr. Ambassador:

I have the honor to address Your Excellency again with regard to the festivities we will hold at Cardenas and Havana in celebration of the First Centenary of the Cuban Flag.

In my previous note I stated my Government's wish to have Your Excellency send a representation of your armed forces to take part with us in the festivities which will be held on next May 19th and 20th.

In repeating the wish of my Government of counting on your country's cooperation in acts of so much significance to Cuba and implementing our note of the 14th instant, I should advise Your Excellency that said acts are divided into two parts: A Historical Pilgrimage to Commemorate the Expedition of Narcisco López in 1850 and an Inter-American Military Review.

The Historical Commemorative Pilgrimage will start out on May 7th, Cuban naval vessels leaving the port of Havana carrying landing forces, a Company of the Army, the Official Commission of the Cuban Government and the delegation appointed by the Inter-American Commission Organizing the First Centenary of the Cuban Flag.

The Cuban naval squadron will reach New Orleans around noon on May 9th and will remain at that port until the 11th when it will sail just before sunset.

During the time that the squadron remains in New Orleans, the Official Commission, the Inter-American Centenary Commission, the Army and Navy forces and the band of music designated by the armed forces of the Republic will disembark.

When the Cuban naval squadron sails on the 11th, it will be joined by American warships with landing forces and the Official Commissions of the United States Government and of the City of New Orleans.

On May 13th in the afternoon the American and Cuban vessels from New Orleans will reach the Port of Progreso, in Yucatan, Mexico. The military forces traveling on these vessels, together with the Official Commissions of both countries, will disembark and go to Mérida where there will be festivities in honor of our flag.

When the festivities at Mérida end, the military forces and the official commissions of Cuba and the United States will return to the Port of Progreso from which the vessels of both nations will sail together with a Mexican Naval Squadron which will carry the military forces and the Official Mexican Commission.

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The fleet made up of vessels of the three nations will stop off at Islas Mujeres, where Marciso López did his final training, commissions of the three countries landing for the purpose of unveiling a small monument which Cuba will erect as a memorial to the very important inter-American historical event which took place there.

Thereupon the vessels of the three countries, with all the armed forces and the official commissions they carry will sail for Cardenas, at which port they will enter at eight o'clock on the morning of the 19th of May in order to be received by the President of the Republic.

The Inter-American Military Review - which supplements and closes the inter-American festivities of the Centenary of the Flag, but which will be held apart from the Pilgrimage - will be held in Havana on May 20th, and military and naval forces of the countries that send their battleships to our port between May 18th and 22nd will take part in order to honor our flag on its First Centenary.

In renewing once again to Your Excellency my Government's invitation to honor us with your cooperation on the Historical Commemorative Pilgrimage and the Inter-American Military Review which will be held in honor of our flag next May, by taking part with military and naval forces of your country, I likewise beg Your Excellency to request from your Government the necessary permits and authorizations for landing there and so that the expedition may sojourn on your country's land.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

RAUL RUIZ

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FROM: Havana

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Rec'd April 14, 1950

TO: Secretary of State

DATE: April 14, 3 P.M.

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Re Havana telegram, Cuban Navy recommends two US
frigates participate in trip from New Orleans to
Cienfuegos and also attend exercises. Havana May 20
1949. 796 April 5. Cuban Navy sending two frigates
to Cienfuegos and expects two Mexican vessels
in group at Progreso.

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I have communicated with
Commander Miller (Navy) re this and
Emb des 796 Apr. 5, and have
told him Dept. believes it would
be appropriate & desirable for Navy to
be represented, if convenient & feasible.
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TO: Director, Office of Middle American Affairs,
Department of State

SUBJECT: U.S. Naval Participation in the First Centennial
of the Cuban Flag, May 1950

REFERENCE: (a) Havana Telegram No. 17 dtd April 14, 1950 to
Dept. of State
(b) Havana Ltr 796 dtd April 5, 1950 to Dept. of State

1. In reply to the request of the Cuban Government, as contained in references (a) and (b), for U.S. naval participation in the celebration of the First Centennial of the Cuban Flag, it is requested that the Department of State inform the Cuban Government that the U.S. Navy will be most pleased to join in the proposed trip to Cadenas and to participate in the Havana ceremonies, but that because of prior commitments in connection with U.S. Armed Forces Day, only one destroyer can be made available for this purpose.

2. Detailed arrangements will be made by the appropriate U.S. naval commander through the U.S. Naval Attache, Havana.

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I refer to the Department of State's communication of 4 April 1950, transmitting an invitation from the Cuban Minister of State for United States Armed Forces representatives to participate in celebrating the First Centennial of the Cuban Flag, scheduled to take place in the City of Cardenas, 19 and 20 May 1950.

Owing to a conflict between this celebration and the observance of United States Armed Forces Day on 20 May, Defense Department representation at this celebration will necessarily be somewhat curtailed. However, Brigadier General E. L. Sibert, Commander U. S. Army Forces Antilles, Fort Brooke, San Juan, Puerto Rico, is available to visit Cardenas and Havana on 20 May, as the senior Service representative. It is contemplated that he will proceed directly to Cardenas from San Juan. The Department of Defense requests that final arrangements for General Sibert's visit be consummated through the Army attache of the U. S. Embassy in Havana. I suggest, in this connection, that Mrs. Sibert should be invited to attend the ceremonies if this is acceptable to the Cuban Government.

The Department of the Navy has authorized the Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic Fleet, to dispatch the destroyer escort "Maloy" to these ceremonies. This vessel will accompany the Cuban naval squadron sailing from New Orleans on 11 May and pay courtesy calls at Progreso and Islas Mujeres, Mexico, prior to arrival in Cardenas on 19 May. The Naval attache in Havana is in direct contact with the Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic Fleet, with reference to details of this cruise.

The above arrangements have been communicated informally to Mr. Desvernine of the Cuban Desk. The Secretary of Defense hopes that they will assist in the promotion of friendly relations between the United States and the Republic of Cuba on the occasion of this celebration.

Sincerely yours,

Leven C. Allen
LEVEN C. ALLEN
Major General, USA
Executive Secretary

The Honorable

The Secretary of State

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My Dear Mr. Secretary:

The receipt is acknowledged of General Allen's letter of May 10, 1950 informing the Department of Arrangements made by the Department of Defense for representation of the United States Armed Forces at the ceremonies commemorating the First Centennial of the Cuban Flag in the cities of Cardenas and Habana on May 19 and 20, 1950.

Prior to the receipt of General Allen's letter, the Department had been informally notified of these arrangements and our Embassy at Habana was advised. The Senior Military Attaché at the Embassy is understood to have made direct arrangements with General Sibert concerning the details of his visit.

The Department is highly appreciative of the cooperation of the Department of Defense in arranging for the participation of representatives of the United States Armed Forces in the Cuban ceremonies, in response to the invitation extended by the Cuban Government, and is confident that this action will prove of benefit in the maintenance and development of friendly relations between the two countries.

Sincerely yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

Edward G. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

The Honorable
Louis Johnson,
Secretary of Defense.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

The receipt is acknowledged of Major General Allen's letter of May 10, 1950 advising of arrangements made by the Defense Department for representation of the United States Armed Forces at the ceremonies commemorating the First Centennial of the Cuban Flag in the cities of Cardenas and Habana on May 19 and 20, 1950.

Prior to receipt of the above-mentioned letter, the Department had been informally notified of these arrangements and our Embassy in Habana was advised. The Senior Military Attaché at the Embassy was requested to make direct arrangements with General Sibert concerning the details of his visit and the suggestion concerning Mrs. Sibert was likewise transmitted to him.

The Department is highly appreciative of the cooperation of the Department of Defense in arranging for the participation of representatives of the United States Armed Forces in the Cuban ceremonies, in response to the invitation extended by the Cuban Government, and is confident that this cooperation will prove of benefit in the maintenance and development of friendly relations between the two countries.

Sincerely yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

Edward G. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

The Honorable
Louis Johnson,
Secretary of Defense.

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FROM: Habana

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 224, May 16.

FOR PUBAN FROM SALVATIERRA.

REEMBTEL 222, May 10.

Please advise if Voice carrying any special material commemorating either Cuban Flag Anniversary on 19th or Cuban Independence Day on 20th.

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TO : Department of State

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FROM : HABANA 1171 May 22, 1950

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SUBJECT : CUBAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES

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The Independence Day ceremonies were of special significance this year inasmuch as they coincided with the centennial of the present Cuban flag which was first raised at Cárdenas in 1850 by Cuban General Narciso LOPEZ.

A special ceremony, wherein the United States was represented by Brigadier General Edwin L. Sibert, Commanding General of the United States Army Forces Antilles, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and the Service Attachés from this Embassy, took place at Cárdenas on May 19. Naval vessels from the United States (the USS MALOY) and Mexico (the "Comodoro David PORTER" and the "Cadete Virgilio URIBE"), which, with Cuban war vessels, had previously gone over the same route taken from New Orleans by General Narciso Lopez in 1850, anchored at Cárdenas Bay for the ceremonies. A detachment of sailors from the MALOY also took part in a parade which was held in the City of Cárdenas.

The ceremonies at Habana on May 20 marked the culmination of Cuban Flag Centennial Week and included a parade wherein a detachment of sailors from the MALOY again participated.

In a speech at Cárdenas President PRIO declared that the people of Cuba could expect exemplary conduct from their President. He followed this up in his speech at Habana on May 20 with a promise to banish graft and dishonesty from Cuban public life. He stated he would endeavor to accomplish this before the end of his administration and to make it impossible for his successors to restore the graft system which has plagued Cuban politics for so many years.

Participation of the United States in the Flag and Independence Day ceremonies was deeply appreciated by the Cuban Government and people. The American sailors participating in the parades at Cárdenas and Habana made an excellent impression and were enthusiastically applauded as they rendered honors to the Cuban flag.

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Prior to the holding of the ceremonies on May 20, the Embassy was informed by the Department that Navy intelligence reports indicated that anti-United States demonstrations were being planned in Cárdenas on May 19 and in Habana on May 20 to coincide with the participation of United States naval personnel in the celebrations. Investigation by the Embassy revealed that the Government had taken the necessary precautionary measures and was alert to the possibility of such demonstrations. Fortunately, no incidents of this kind occurred either at Cárdenas or at Habana. A Communist youth demonstration scheduled for 10:00 A.M. in Central Park, Habana (where the Independence Day parade was to pass) did not take place, a permit for the meeting having been denied by the local authorities.

For the Ambassador:



Earl T. Crain,
First Secretary of Embassy.

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FROM : HABANA 1346 June 14, 1950

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SUBJECT : CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF CUBAN FLAG

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There is enclosed a copy, with translation, of note No. C-1.106 from the Ministry of State expressing the appreciation of the Government and the people of Cuba for the participation and cooperation of the United States Navy in the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the raising of the Cuban Flag.

It will be recalled that the United States destroyer escort U.S.S. MALOY joined with Cuban and Mexican naval units to follow the course of the Cuban hero Narciso Lopez from New Orleans to Cardenas, Cuba. Personnel of the ship participated in the festivities at Cardenas and at Habana on May 19 and 20. In addition to the participation of the Navy, the United States Armed Forces were represented on the occasion by Brigadier General Edwin L. SIBERT, Commander of United States Army Forces Antilles at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

For the Ambassador:

*Henry A. Hoyt*Henry A. Hoyt,
Second Secretary of Embassy.HAHoyt/elw
June 14, 1950

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Republica de Cuba
Ministerio de Estado

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La Habana, Junio 6 de 1950.

Señor Embajador:

Tengo el honor de dirigirme a Vuestra Excelencia para dar cumplimiento al grato deber de expresar, a nombre del Gobierno de Cuba, y por conducto de Vuestra Excelencia, al Gobierno de los Estados Unidos de América, el sentido agradecimiento del Gobierno y pueblo cubanos con motivo de la solidaria y noble cooperación prestada por la Marina de Guerra norteamericana a las fiestas que tuvieron lugar en la ciudad de Cárdenas, con objeto de conmemorar el Centenario de la Bandera cubana.

La actitud especialmente amistosa del Gobierno de Vuestra Excelencia ha sido, en este caso, una estimulante reafirmación de la cordialidad y buen entendimiento que tan estrechamente vinculan nuestros dos pueblos.

Reitero a Vuestra Excelencia el testimonio de mi más alta y distinguida consideración,

/s/ Ernesto Dihigo

A Su Excelencia el señor Robert Butler,
Embajador de los Estados Unidos de América,
La Habana.

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(TRANSLATION)

Republic of Cuba
Ministry of State

C-1.106

Habana, June 6, 1950

Mr. Ambassador:

I have the honor to address Your Excellency to comply with the pleasant duty of expressing, in the name of the Cuban Government, and through Your Excellency, the heartfelt thanks of the Cuban Government and people for the solidarity and noble cooperation rendered by the United States Navy in the festivities which took place in the City of Cárdenas for the purpose of commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the Cuban flag.

The particularly friendly attitude of Your Excellency's Government has been, in this case, a stimulating reaffirmation of the cordiality and understanding which so closely binds our two countries.

I renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest esteem.

/s/ Ernesto Dihigo

His Excellency
Robert Butler,
Ambassador of the United States
of America,
Habana.

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In reply refer to
MID 837.424/6-1450

The Secretary of State transmits to the Secretary of the Navy a copy of despatch No. 1346 of June 14, 1950 from the Embassy at Habana, enclosing copy and translation of a note received from the Cuban Ministry of State, expressing the appreciation of the Government and people of Cuba for the participation and cooperation of the United States Navy in the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Cuban flag.

Enclosure:

Despatch No. 1346
from Embassy, Habana,
dated June 14, 1950.

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