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General Fulgencio Batista, former President of Cuba, arrived in Mexico yesterday afternoon aboard a Mexican military airplane which brought him from Yucatan. He was met here by a delegation including Gen. Cristobal Guzmán Gandía, representing the Minister of National Defense; Lt. Colonel Luis Vials Carat, representing President Avila Camacho; and Lic. Rafael Puentes, Chief of Ceremonial of the Foreign Office. He is a guest of Deputy Octavio Reyes Spindola. It is reported that Gen. Batista intends to remain in Mexico to work on his forthcoming book concerning the problems of the Americas.

The following is a synthesis of statements attributed to the visitor by the Mexico City press:

General Batista said that there is no possibility of his reaching an understanding with President Grau San Martín and that on the contrary he intends to return to Cuba after the next municipal elections in order to dedicate himself to politics. In obedience to the Constitution, he will not make any attempt to regain the presidency until the expiration of two presidential terms of office.

He described the Spanish régime of General Franco as a spurious one and advocated that all of the United Nations should break off relations with it. La Prensa quoted him as saying that he plans to ask the Cuban Government to recognize the Spanish Republican "Government-in-Exile" formed in Mexico by Sr. Diego Martínez Barrio.

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Date: August 31, 1945

To: Mr. Frederick B. Lyon  
Chief  
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Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FULGENCIO BATISTA  
Ex-President of Cuba

Reference is made to previous communications informing that Fulgencio Batista, Ex-President of Cuba, was proceeding to Yucatan, Mexico where he reportedly intended to confer with certain Cuban politicians relative to a formation of a new Cuban political party.

Information has been received from a reliable and confidential source reflecting that Batista, two secretaries and Colonel Rolando Rodriguez Alonso arrived at Merida, Yucatan, Mexico on August 20, 1945. Batista and his party were met by Cuban Senator Andres Domingo Morales Del Castillo, Mexican Congressman Octavio Reyes Spindola who is presently acting as a representative of General Lazaro Cardenas and who formerly served as Mexican Ambassador to Cuba, Alonso Torre, a Mexican who is reportedly a close friend of Batista and by other minor Mexican officials.

Batista and his party spent August 21 and August 22 visiting tourist points of interest in Yucatan. On August 22, 1945 General Cardenas sent a special military plane to Merida to be placed at the disposal of Batista. On August 23, Miss Isa Caraballo, a Cuban newspaper representative, interviewed Batista at length. On August 24, Sigmund Raisbaum, a Polish Jew who is a partner in the firm "Commercial Transmar" of Mexico, D. F., arrived in Merida. Raisbaum has been with Batista constantly since that time. On August 26, Senator Andres Domingo and Congressman Reyes Spindola departed Merida for Mexico, D. F. to contact General Cardenas and to arrange for the arrival of Batista in the Capital city. On this same date, Cuban Senator Ramon Vasconcelos arrived in Merida from Havana having been requested by Batista to make this trip. Batista and his group visited various union leaders and union headquarters in Yucatan on that date.

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In a press statement, Ex-President Batista informed that his trip to Mexico was made for the purpose of completing notes on a book he intended to publish concerning his recent tour of Latin America. Batista and his group were scheduled to depart from Merida in a special military plane for Mexico, D. F. on August 29, 1945.

The above data has been furnished to the American Ambassador in Mexico, D. F.

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