

Enclosure to despatch No. 919,
November 29, 1948, from American
Embassy, Habana, Cuba

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REPUBLIC OF CUBA
MINISTRY OF STATE

Protocol

LIST OF THE RETINUE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC, ON HIS TRIP TO WASHINGTON AND NEW
YORK

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The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dr. Lincoln Rodón

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Senator Francisco Prío Socarrás

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WHICH WILL GO TO WASHINGTON IN PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S
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The President of the Republic will also be accompanied in the
plane by the following persons:

His Excellency Robert Butler, Ambassador of the United
States of America in Cuba

Her Excellency Mrs. Butler

VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK OF DR. FRANCISCO PRIO
SOCARRAS, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

December 1948

OFFICIAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday 8

12:00 N. - 1:00 p.m. - Departure from Rancho Boyeros airfield, in President Truman's personal plane.

4:30 p.m. Arrival in Washington.

He will be received by President Truman who will greet him briefly.

President Prío will answer him, and will salute the American people.

Immediately thereafter the Minister of State will read the English version of President Prío's words.

5:00 p.m. Arrival at Blair House.

Possibly a press conference.

President Prío Socarrás and Minister of State Hevia will lodge at Blair House the day and night of the arrival. From there they will move to the Cuban Embassy the following day.

The rest of the retinue will stay, from the time of their arrival, at the Shoreham Hotel.

President Truman will give a dinner, attended by 16 persons, at which, in addition to President Prío, the following Cuban authorities will be present:

The President of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Minister of State Hevia.

Ambassador Belt.

The Chief of the General Staff of the Army.

Senator Francisco Prío Socarrás.

At this dinner there will be two toasts, of from 2 to 3 minutes each, one by President Truman and the other by President Prío.

Thursday 9

Should it be possible, visit of the Diplomatic Corps to President Prío, in "The Diplomatic Circle", if the latter asks for it (the Americans would prefer that it not be made).

Visit to Arlington National Cemetery and the placing of a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Visit to Mount Vernon, placing of a wreath on George Washington's grave.

Luncheon of the Pan American Council.

(Council of Organization of the American States.)

A ten-minute speech by the President of the Council.

Reply by President Prío.

Dinner given by the Secretary of State at the Hotel Carlton.

A short toast or speech.

President Prío's reply.

Friday 10

Luncheon at the Press Club

Ambassador Butler will make the presentation of President Prío.

Villanova (Philadelphia). Degree of the Catholic University (rather too far: it is difficult).

Reception at the Cuban Embassy.

A possible visit to Annapolis by Minister of State Hevia.

Departure for New York: Friday 10 p.m.: by train; Saturday 11 very early: by plane.

Saturday 11

Reception by Mayor William O'Dwyer who will hand him the keys of the City and deliver a short address.

President Prío will reply to him briefly.

11:30 a.m. Press conference.

1:00 p.m. Luncheon given by the Sugar Council, at the "Basildon Suite" of the Waldorf.

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Speech on economic-social matters.

Ambassador Butler will make the presentation
of President Prío.

Dinner given by the Pan American Society. Pos-
sibly at the Rainbow Club of Radio City.

Speech on general lines of Pan American con-
fraternity and general politics.

Sunday 12

Free day or return.

DRESS: Full dress
Dinner clothes
Dark business suit for other occasions

HAT: Homburg

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Regarding Prio visit, confidentially informed Francisco Prio, President's brother, seriously ill unable accompany party. Gravity illness withheld from President. Request no announcement or even discussion with Belt.

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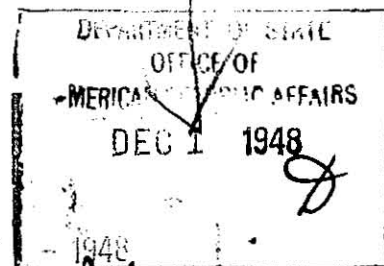
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SUBJECT: No Speeches Planned by United States Officials
on Occasion of President Prío's Visit

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador Robert Butler - Habana
Mr. Walker - CRB

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR

I informed Ambassador Butler this morning that it was not planned that any speeches will be made by United States officials on the occasion of President Prío's visit. I explained, however, that there will be a greeting of welcome by President Truman and toasts given by the President and the Acting Secretary at their respective dinners in honor of President Prío.

The Ambassador said that he had been asked to introduce President Prío at the luncheons to be given by the Cuban-American Sugar Council and the National Press Club. He said that he had in mind a simple, brief introduction and inquired whether it would be proper to do so. I told the Ambassador that I thought it would be quite all right for him to introduce President Prío at these luncheons.

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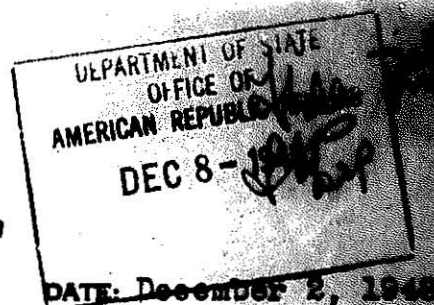
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Memorandum of Conversation



SUBJECT: Cuba-United States Problems and the Visit of President Prío Socarrás to Washington.

PARTICIPANTS: CP - Mr. Corse Nat'l Foreign Trade Council
- Mrs. Hood Mr. H. H. Pike
- Mr. Setser Mr. William H. Baldwin
IR - Mrs. Mulliken Mr. A. E. Denari
CRB - Mr. Walker Mr. Otto Schoenrich
- Mr. Price Mr. Charles Centner

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ARA - Mr. Woodward
CP - Mr. Corse, Mrs. Hood, Mr. Setser
IR - Mrs. Mulliken
AmEmbassy, Habana (informally)

Mr. Pike opened the discussion by referring to the forthcoming visit of President Prío to Washington. He said that members of the Cuba Committee and the Treaty Committee of the National Foreign Trade Council had been reviewing the situation with regard to problems confronting American business firms operating in Cuba and that it was the consensus of these Committees that the visit of President Prío offered a propitious opportunity for the renewal of efforts to effect a solution to some of these problems. He referred to the need for a treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation between the United States and Cuba and asked Judge Schoenrich to give a review of events in Cuba over the past years which have suggested the need for a treaty which would provide certain guarantees for American interests in Cuba. Judge Schoenrich identified himself as an American who was a member of the Bar in Cuba and who had been active in affairs in that country since Cuba first became a Republic. Judge Schoenrich gave a brief review of the history of restrictions which the Cuban Government has imposed from time to time on the operations of Americans in that country during the past thirty years or more.

Mr. Setser said that a draft treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation had been prepared and delivered to

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the Cuban Government. He indicated that this draft embodies the most recent technique in treaty preparation and follows the pattern of the treaty between the United States and Italy. He said that a treaty of sorts could have been negotiated with Cuba some time ago, but that the Department believed that a bad treaty was worse than no treaty. Mr. Pike and other representatives of the National Foreign Trade Council expressed very definite concurrence in this view and expressed the opinion that, even though it might mean further delay, it was far better to agree only on a good comprehensive treaty. Mr. Walker said that the draft treaty had been the subject of very active discussions between our Embassy at Habana and officials of the Cuban Government during both the Grau administration and the present administration under President Prío. Mr. Price mentioned that efforts to negotiate such a treaty with Cuba had been going on for the past ten years, and he saw no particular reason for optimism with regard to the immediate success of these efforts now. He inquired, therefore, whether the National Foreign Trade Council had given thought to any other means of effecting a solution to the problems under discussion. Mr. Pike indicated some thought had been given to the subject, but did not particularize.

Mr. Walker said that as soon as the new administration came into office in Habana, Ambassador Butler had renewed at once our efforts to negotiate a treaty. He pointed out, however, that other able Ambassadors had made similar efforts in a very active manner over the past ten years, including such Ambassadors as J. Butler Wright, Messersmith, Braden and Norweb. He said that these efforts had not met with success at any time, and he thought, therefore, that we must be realistic and recognize that there will have to be some inducement for the Cuban Government to agree to enter into a basic treaty of establishment with the United States. He suggested that further thought be given by the National Foreign Trade Council to the possibility of solving the problems in question by some means other than a treaty. He expressed the thought that in this manner certain of the problems might be solved on an interim basis pending the successful negotiation of a treaty. He said, however, that the Department would of course continue to make every effort to negotiate the treaty as quickly as possible. Mr. Baldwin said he thought the members of the National Foreign Trade Council had reason to take heart in Mr. Walker's statement that

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Ambassador Butler had immediately undertaken treaty discussions with the officials of the Cuban Government as soon as the Prío administration came into office. He said the members would also be glad to know that these efforts would continue.

Mr. Pike referred to the forthcoming negotiation of tariff preferences and wondered if anything would be done with regard to the tariff preference on Cuban sugar. Mrs. Hood and Mr. Corse outlined in some detail the situation with regard to the Cuban sugar preference, pointing out that no definitive prediction would be made at this time regarding the outcome of the tariff negotiations. They pointed out that eleven other countries would participate in the negotiations at Geneva in April and that the United States was committed to discuss the matter of tariff on sugar imported into the United States.

Mr. Price inquired what the National Foreign Trade Council considered to be the principal objectives of the treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation between the United States and Cuba. Mr. Pike said that, while the Council had certain general ideas on the subject, such as protection against onerous restrictions on American technicians and specialists operating in Cuba, no definitive statement of objectives had yet been prepared. He thought, however, that a list of such objectives could be prepared in the Council, and he asked Mr. Centner to see that such a list was prepared in the Council and furnished the Department. Mr. Walker expressed the view that such a list might be useful to the Department and our Embassy at Habana in considering the possibilities of effecting a solution to certain problems on an interim basis pending the successful negotiation of a basic treaty of establishment with Cuba.

Mr. Pike inquired whether it was expected that Section 202 e of the Sugar Act of 1948 would be a subject for discussion between President Prío and President Truman. Mr. Walker replied that it was not anticipated that Section 202 e would be discussed. Mr. Pike observed that any revision of the Sugar Act at this time would be contrary to the interests of Cuba, as such revision might precipitate strong pressure by other sugar suppliers for greater quotas than they now enjoy.

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The Honorable
William O'Dwyer,
Mayor of New York,
New York.

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His Excellency Carlos Prío, President of Cuba, and party of fifteen will arrive in New York City, La Guardia airport, at approximately 11:00 a.m., on Saturday December 11. The President will remain in New York until Sunday morning December 12, when he will depart at noon by plane for Cuba.

The usual courteous consideration and such police protection as you consider appropriate will be greatly appreciated.

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ROBERT A. LOVETT
Acting Secretary of State

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 7, 1948

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Arrival of President of Cuba, Washington
National Airport, MATS Terminal, December 8,
1948, 4 p.m.

Enclosed is a list of the persons who will make
up the reception committee to greet the President of
Cuba upon his arrival at National Airport, MATS
Terminal, at 4 p.m., Wednesday, December 8.

The ceremonies at the airport will consist of
the following:

1. President Truman, accompanied by Ambassador
Belt, will greet President Prio at the foot of the
steps from the plane. (21 gun salute)
2. President Prio will introduce to President
Truman the members of the Cuban presidential party.
3. President Truman will then introduce the
members of the reception committee to President Prio.
4. The two Presidents and Señor Hevia, Cuban
Minister of State, will then go to the microphones
where President Truman will make a short address of
welcome to be followed by a short response in Spanish
by President Prio, translated by Señor Hevia.
5. The two Presidents, with their military,
naval and air aides, will move off to the guard of
honor and take the military honors (ruffles, flourishes,
national anthems).

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6. The two Presidents, with aides, inspect the guard.

7. President Truman will then take President Prio, accompanied by Senor Hevia, to Blair House.

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Stanley Woodward
Chief of Protocol

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Your Excellency:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, the auto-graphed letter, with copy, of the President of the Republic of Cuba, addressed to His Excellency the President of the United States of America, informing of his accession on October 10, 1948 to the Chief Magistracy of Cuba, to which he was elected on June 1, 1948, and proclaimed in Joint Meeting of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Cuba.

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Your Excellency's kindness in having this auto-graphed letter delivered to His Excellency the President of the United States, would be deeply appreciated.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

His Excellency
George C. Marshall,
Secretary of State,
Washington.

Wm Bell

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Carlos Prío Socarrás.

Presidente de la República de Cuba.

A Su Excelencia el señor Harry S. Truman.

Presidente de los Estados Unidos de América.

Grande y Buen Amigo:

Tengo el honor de participara Vuestra Excelencia que, como resultado de las elecciones generales efectuadas en la Nación el día primero de junio último, fui proclamado por el Senado y la Cámara de Representantes reunidos en Congreso, Presidente de la República, de cuyo alto cargo tomé posesión en el día de hoy después de prestar el juramento constitucional.

Al comunicarlo a Vuestra Excelencia Me es grato asegurarnos que propenderé por cuantos medios legales estén a mi alcance, a que sean cada vez más estrechos y cordiales los lazos de amistad que felizmente existen entre nuestros dos países.

Elprovecho esta ocasión para formular sinceros votos por la prosperidad y grandeza de esa Nación y por la ventura personal de Vuestra Excelencia.

Leal y Buen Amigo,

Carlos Ruiz Príncipe

Dr. Fidel Castro
Primer Ministro.

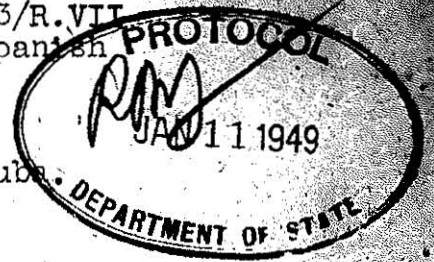
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Escrita en La Habana, Palacio de la Presidencia, a 10 de octubre de 1948.

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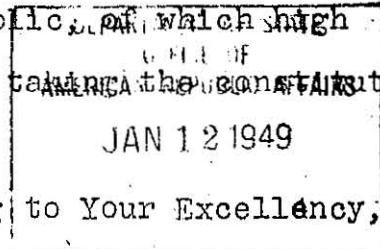
President of the Republic of Cuba.

To His Excellency Harry S. Truman,

President of the United States of America.

Great and Good Friend:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that, as a result of the general elections held in the Nation on the first day of June last, I was proclaimed, by the Senate and the Chamber of Representatives assembled in Congress, President of the Republic of which high post I took possession today after taking the constitutional oath.



In communicating the foregoing to Your Excellency, I take pleasure in assuring you that I shall direct my efforts by whatever legal means may be within my power to the end that the bonds of friendship which happily exist between our two countries may be increasingly strong and cordial.

I avail myself of this occasion to formulate my sincere wishes for the prosperity and greatness of your Nation and for Your Excellency's personal happiness.

Loyal and Good Friend,

(s.) Carlos Prío Socarrás

(s.) Manuel A. de Varona.

Prime Minister.

(s.) Carlos Hevia.

Minister of State.

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Written in Habana, Presidential Palace, on
October 10, 1948.