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Announcement in morning press of January 24 states that former Chief of Cuban National Police, Manuel BENITEZ, was let out on bail shortly before midnight on the night of January 23-24. Papers state that charges are still pending but that none of these warrant his being kept in jail, adequate bail having been deposited with the Court.

The only paper which has thus far printed any comment on this development is the Diario de la Marina which expresses its "satisfaction at the news inasmuch as we highly esteem General Benitez, an excellent friend of ours and a person who enjoys the friendship of large circles of people."

Embassy is seeking to ascertain what political repercussions, if any, this development may have. Further reports will be sent to the Department.

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