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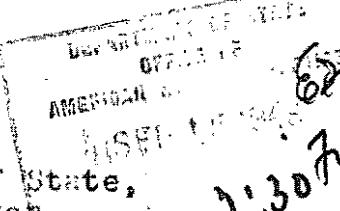
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Reference Embassy's despatch no. 674 of September 1, 1949 re arrival of ex-Cuban Army Chief of Staff Genovevo PEREZ Damera at Miami on August 27, 1949.

Today's press reports that ex-Cuban Army Chief of Staff Perez Damera arrived yesterday unannounced at Habana on a National Airlines plane, accompanied by Mrs. Perez Damera and their children Genovevo and Larta. The ex-Chief of staff is reported to have told the press: "I come to my country because I am just another Cuban. I will stay here for some time."

Comment

It is assumed that the GOVT and the new Army Chief of Staff (who sent an Army Captain to meet the ex-Chief at the airport) agreed to Perez' return on the grounds that he is no longer in a position to threaten the political stability of the country. Also it is considered possible that Perez may have returned merely to comply with U.S. Immigration Regulations with a view to obtaining U.S. visas at a later date. His return has caused little stir so far in the Cuban press, El Diario de la Marina having buried the news among "Passenger arrivals" on page 12.

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