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SUBJECT Background on Recent Recall to Cuba
Of Raul Roa Kouri, Ambassador to
Czechoslovakia

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SOURCE Cuban (C) with many contacts among government officials; from medium-level, non-Communist government official.
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Raul Roa Kouri was recently recalled to Habana as a result of a denunciation by the U-2 representative in the Cuban Embassy in Prague.¹ Roa Kouri was denounced for not being a good Communist, for being bourgeois, and for being tyrannical to subordinates. He was accompanied to Habana by his accuser.² Roa Kouri had a long official conversation with President Osvaldo Dorticos, from which he emerged unscathed. His accuser, however, was to remain in Habana in relative disgrace.³

1. Headquarters Comment. CSDB-3/650,194, dated 15 May 1962, from an independent source, reported that Roa Kouri had returned suddenly to Habana on 18 April 1962, only a few weeks after a routine trip to Habana for consultation.

Source Comments

2. The name of the accuser is not known, but it is possibly Machado (fnu), of the Cuban Embassy in Prague.
3. The charges against Roa Kouri were essentially of a local nature and did not constitute a nationally-directed effort of the Cuban Communist Party against him or his family. He was able to clear himself largely because he was able to demonstrate that the charges against him were false and that his accuser was incompetent, about which he had previously complained. Six months ago, when the political climate was different, Roa Kouri probably would not have been cleared of the charges against him.

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