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Source reported the information in the attached to his Case Officer on 27 December 1963.

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SOURCE: Person (B) with good connections in the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City.
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1. Officials of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City received very few Christmas greetings from Mexican Government officials.[1]

2. Eduardo del Rio, also known as "Rius," Mexican cartoonist for Politica, Mexican Marxist semi-monthly magazine, and Siempre, Mexican leftist magazine, was scheduled to be a guest of the Cuban Government at the 2 January 1964 celebrations of the Cuban Revolution. However, del Rio did not receive a Cuban visa. The Cuban Embassy in Mexico City had received a cable from Habana advising of this, and which said that del Rio would be notified directly in a separate letter of the reasons for this refusal.[2]

Source Comments

1. It is believed that the lack of the traditional exchange of Christmas greetings between the Mexican Government and the Cuban Embassy was the result of the resentment caused among Mexican officialdom by the strong note dated 26 November 1963, received by the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Relations from Raul Roa Garcia, Cuban Minister of Foreign Relations, over the detention by Mexican authorities of Silvia Tirado de Duran, Mexican employee of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City, in connection with the visit to the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City of Lee Harvey Oswald, alleged assassin of John F. Kennedy, former President of the United States.

2. It is believed that the Cuban Government's refusal to give Del Rio a visa is also related to Roa's note and the Cuban Government's desire to avoid antagonizing the Mexican Government further.

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