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FIELD INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT : Cuban Aspirations in United Nations REPORT NO. : EEP-1323
PLACE ACQUIRED : Panama City, Panama DATE OF INFORMATION: 4 March 1955
SOURCE, SOURCE EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL OF CONTENT: Individual with excellent connections in Panamanian Government. A-2. DATE ACQUIRED : 8 March 1955
DATE OF REPORT : 10 March 1955

1. On 4 March 1955 Emilio NUNEZ Portuondo, Cuban Ambassador to the United Nations, wrote a personal letter to Octavio FABREGA, Panamanian Minister of Foreign Relations. The writer stated that after seven months in the Ministry of Labor, during which time he met and solved many problems, President BATISTA had offered him his choice of any Ministry, the Embassy in Washington, or continuation as the Cuban Ambassador to the United Nations. NUNEZ said that he chose the latter post and that it was in that capacity that he was writing to FABREGA.
2. He then recalled that in the U. N. General Assembly of last year Cuba had aspired to a seat on the Security Council and had had the promise of the support of Panama in this matter. However, Cuba had bowed out at this time when Peru claimed precedence in its right to a seat on the Security Council. At this time Cuba announced its desire for the seat on the Security Council in the General Assembly scheduled to meet in November 1955.
3. NUNEZ then said that Cuba, through its diplomatic representatives, is soliciting support in this matter and that because at the present there is no other Latin American member of the U. N. with similar aspirations he does not anticipate any conflicts of interest. He stated that to date their request for support had been replied to affirmatively by Chile, Argentina, Honduras, Haiti, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, and Peru.
4. NUNEZ then asked FABREGA to reply favorably as quickly as possible to the Cuban request for support in this matter and added that, because of the excellent relations which they have always maintained, if he becomes a member of the Security Council, FABREGA may consider that he will represent Panama as well as Cuba. NUNEZ continued by reminding FABREGA that due to recommendations made by NUNEZ Cuba voted in the General Assembly for Ricardo ALFARO, Panamanian jurist, for a position on the International Court of Justice as well as a position on the International Law Commission when this was requested by the Panamanian Government.

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