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Estimado Bill :

En mi viaje por Europa fui a visitar al Sr Luis Trasanco en el Consulado de Cuba en Paris, pues habia recibido del Sr Venegas una tarjeta pidiendome un reloj y que lo entregara al consulado a Trasanco que el se lo mandaria a Praga, Venegas es el delegado de los estudiantes Cubanos en la U I E en Praga que yo conozco de la Habana.

Ob Al [Trasanco] lo conocí el año pasado cuando estabamos en Paris con [redacted] en el Consulado Cubano.

Ob En esta ocasión estuve en el Consulado dos veces y invite una noche a comer a [Trasanco], en la conversacion que tuve con el en las veces que hablamos me di cuenta que su manera de pensar es contraria al gobierno de Cuba hoy, pues me hablaba muy mal del Embajador diciendo que los hace obligatoriamente ir todos los viernes a la Embajada a recibir lecciones de adoctrinamiento hasat las 11 de la noche a todos los empleados del Consulado y la Embajada, que el Consul tambien le hace la vida imposible y que el

Ob y un Sr que se llama [redacted] que me presento a veces discutan con el Consul y otros empleados de la Embajada. Este Sr [redacted] tambien parece una buena persona y no sinpatizzante del regimen de Cuba.

Ob [Trasanco] tiene su familia exilada aqui en los E U creo que su padre una hermana y un hermano que trabaja en la Firestone en Ohio. El esta casado en Paris con una Sra Espanola.

Tambien me conto que la ultima vez que vio a Venegas este regresaba de Argelia y que le decia que Ben Bella era un admirador de Fidel y que la ruptura del partido Comunista Argelino era un ardid para sacar dinero de los Americanos pero que era socialista mas que Fidel.

Ob Bill le cuento todo esto para si cree que puede ser interesante que yo trate de que este Sr [Trasanco] trabaje para nosotros yo creo que lo podria lograr hablando con el en otra ocasion yo deje el camino preparado pues solicite en el Consulado de Paris un pasaporte que tendra que venir de Cuba y se demora 40 dias mas o menos, cuando tenga que pasar a recojerlo podria empezar a hablar con el si Uds lo creen conveniente despues de chequear bien este Sr.

En el consulado tambien vi gran cantidad de revistas y de libros de Cuba que entregan como propaganda en Paris.

Bueno Bill mis saludos afectuosos y espero que esto sirva de algo para tratar de arreglar el problema de nuestra Cuba.

Recuerdos [redacted]

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Incluido tarjeta de Venegas

13 March 1963

Esteemed Bill:

On my trip through Europe, I went to visit Mr. Luis Trasanco in the Cuban Consul in Paris, inasmuch as I had received a card from Mr. Venegas asking me for a watch and that I should deliver it at the Consul to Trasanco who would send it to Prague. Venegas is the Cuban student delegate in the UIE in Prague who I met in Habana.

I met Trasanco last year when we were in Paris with RC in the Cuban Consulate.

On this occasion I was in the Consulate twice and one night I invited Trasanco to dinner. In the conversation I had with him on the occasion that we talked, I realized that his way of thinking is opposed to the Government of Cuba today since he spoke badly of the Ambassador saying that he obliges everyone in the Consulate and Embassy to go on Fridays to the Embassy to receive indoctrination until eleven at night; that the Consul also makes life unbearable and that he and a gentleman name [redacted] who he once presented to me, argue with the Consul and other Embassy employees. This Mr. [redacted] also appears to be a good person, and he is unsympathetic to the Cuban regime.

Trasanco has his family in exile in the U. S. I believe his father and one sister and brother work for Firestone in Ohio. He is married to a Spanish woman in Paris.

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He also told me the last time he saw Venegas, he was returning from Algeria, and he told him that Ben Bella was an admirer of Fidel and that the break with the Algerian Communist Party was a plan to get money from the Americans but that he was more of a Socialist than Fidel.

Bill, I am telling you all this in case you believe it may be of interest that I try to get this Mr. ^{Trasacco} to work for us. I think I could do it by talking to him again. I left the way open since I requested a passport in the Paris Consulate which will have to come from Cuba and which will take 40 days...more or less. When I have to go by to pick it up, I could begin talking to him if you think it best after checking this gentleman out.

At the consulate I also saw a large quantity of Cuban Magazines and Books that they deliver for propoganda in Paris.

Well, Bill, my fond regards and I hope this serves somewhat in trying to solve our Cuban problem.

Regards,

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