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- 1. On 4 March 1955 Emilio NUNEZ Portuondo, Guban Ambassador to the United Nations, wrote to Octavio FABREGA, Panamanian Minister of Foreign Relations, regarding Guban aspirations for a seat on the Security Council in the U. N. General Assembly which is scheduled to meet in November 1955. NUNEZ wrote that after seven months in the Ministry of Labor President Filgencia BATISTA had offered him his choice of any Ministry, the post at the Embassy in Washington, or continuation as Guban Ambassador to the U. N., which post he had accepted.
- 2. NUNEZ 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to a seat on the Security Council and had had the promise of Panamanian support in this matter; however, Cuba had withdrawn when Peru claimed precedence in its right to a seat on the Security Council. He also indicated that at present Cuba is soliciting support, through its diplomatic representatives, for a seat on the Security Council which will meet in November 1955, and, because at present there is no other Latin American member of the U. N. with similar aspirations, ha does not anticipate any conflict of interest. NUNEZ stated that the Cuban request for support had been replied to affirmatively by Chile, Argentina, Honduras, Haiti, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, and Peru.
- 3. NUNEZ then asked FABREGA to reply favorably as quickly as possible to the Cuban request for support in this matter. NUNEZ added that if he becomes a member of the Security Council FABREGA may consider that he will represent Panama as well as Cuba. He reminded FABREGA that, because of recommendations which NUNEZ made, 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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