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SUBJECT : Mexican Treatment of Sixth Anniversary of Castro Regime

REF :

The activities of the Cuban Embassy here in connection with the sixth anniversary of the Castro regime were almost ignored by Mexican newspapers. The leftist El Día (January 5) did carry a brief item on Cuban Ambassador Joaquin HERNANDEZ Armas' reception, held on January 4, and reported the Ambassador's participation in the traditional wreath-laying ceremony at the Independence Monument earlier in the day. But El Día omitted any editorial eulogies, contrasting sharply with the moderate Excelsior's attack on the "abominable extremes" incurred in Cuba, made in the course of a commentary (January 5) on Secretary Rusk's recent observation that the menace of Castroism had declined.

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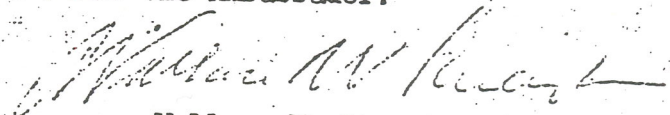
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Mexican Participants in Havana Celebrations

A number of Mexican leftists are known to have visited Havana in order to participate in the celebrations at the invitation of the Cuban regime (see the enclosure to this despatch for a list of certain of these persons).^{2/} It is interesting that no top-level member of the Mexican Communist Party (PCM) went to Havana, although two members of the National Directorate of LOMBARDO Toledano's Popular Socialist Party (PPS) did participate in the ceremonies at the Cuban capital. A variety of reasons were probably responsible for the absence of any top-level PCM officials. These officials were presumably very busy making final arrangements for the National Congress of the PCM-dominated faction of the Central Campesina Independiente (CCI-Independent Peasants' Central), which opened on January 6 (see Weekas 51 and 1). Among other reasons, it is possible that the PCM leadership also concluded that this was not a particularly opportune time to converge on Havana, particularly in view of the recent change of administration here (see in this connection the Embassy's A-579 of December 29, 1964).

For the Ambassador:



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1/ The text of the brief Diaz Ordaz message to President Dorticos was released to the press by the Cuban news agency Prensa Latina on January 8 and was picked up without comment in El Día of January 9, 1965.

2/ According to the Ultimas Noticias of January 2, 1965, the "Panamanian Communist leader and agitator Moisés CARRASQUILLA Vazques" passed through Mexico City on January 1 en route to Havana for the anniversary celebrations.

Enclosure: (CONFIDENTIAL/NO FOREIGN DISSEM) *Atty*

List, as described above.

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List of Certain Mexicans Known to Have Participated in Ceremonies in Havana Marking Sixth Anniversary of Castro Regime 1/

- Ernesto CABALLERO Esperón
- Margarita CASTILLEJOS Salazar
- Máximo CORREA Camargo
- Elvira Manzano de GONZALEZ
- Jorge GONZALEZ Ramirez
- Carlos LAGUNES
- Nicolás PEREZ Ramirez
- Gloria POPOCA Ortega
- Rosa PUIG Fernández
- Lazaro RUBIO Felix.
- Alfredo SAINZ Delgado
- Miguel A. VELASCO

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