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Press Officer
United Nations
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

It is my understanding that, in response to the action of the U.S. Government in expelling an official of the Cuban U.N. Mission, Cuban Foreign Minister Raul Roa sent a letter to the Secretary-General.

In this communication he is said to have denied the charges and to have alleged the U.S. is supporting training camps for attacks on or planned invasion of Cuba, in several Latin American countries.

I am writing to ask for a copy of this communication and any others relevant, including the charges filed by the U.S. Government, if any, and any comment that may have been made by the countries named by Mr. Roa.

I hope these are available in English translation.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

Cuba reveals new CIA plot

By Alan Howard
Liberation News Service

Cuban Foreign Minister Raul Roa has accused the CIA of making plans to install new military training camps in Guatemala, Nicaragua and Panama. Roa said the camps would be used by Cuban mercenaries for attacks on Cuban territory.

The charge was made in the text of a letter to Secretary-General U Thant in response to the U.S. government expulsion of a Cuban UN Mission official for allegedly trying to gather information concerning "the security of the President." Another Cuban diplomat was refused permission to re-enter the U.S.

Roa denied the charges, saying "they could not be more absurd." The truth, he said, is that Cuban diplomats accredited to the UN are seriously hampered in their work; Cuba's permanent UN representative has been repeatedly threatened with assassination; members of the Mission are under constant surveillance and are not permitted outside of a 25 mile radius of New York City.

The State Department move was part of a continuing campaign to discredit and destroy the Cuban revolution, he continued. Roa then revealed the CIA plans for training camps in Central America.

He said that "Bebe" Rebozo Rebollo, the Florida real estate operator and close friend of President Nixon, had served as intermediary between the CIA and two Cuban exiles, Emilio Nunez Portuondo and Edgardo Buttari.

The plan, according to Roa, was to train small groups of Cuban mercenaries who have fought in Vietnam to launch guerrilla attacks on Cuba from the Central American bases.

Ending his letter, Roa reiterated the long-standing Cuban position that the UN be moved to another country, "one that would offer the necessary guarantees for the integrity of the organization and of the representatives of all the peoples without them having to suffer constant taunts, discriminations and provocations."