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Cuba Denies Envoys To U.N. Spy in U.S.

HAVANA, Aug. 25 (AP) — Cuba denied today as “completely false” charges that members of its United Nations delegation were spies in the United States.

The Communist Party organ Granma said the expulsion last week of Cuban diplomat Eddy Espinosa Bonet, 25, and the refusal of re-entry to Alberto Boza Hidalgo Gato, 28, was “nothing more than a new

and coarse provocation launched by repressive organs of subversion of the government of the United States, the FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency against Cuba.”

Calling the accusations part of a U.S. “campaign of hysteria and hate,” Granma continued: “Cuba has a right to watch the activities of its enemies. But it is completely false that Cuba utilizes its permanent mission at the United Nations for these objectives.

“It is ridiculous to imagine that Cuban diplomats at the United Nations carry on espionage when they are under constant observation by dozens of CIA and FBI agents.”

Espinosa was expelled from the United States on charges that he tried to recruit a Cuban refugee to undertake a mission which Washington spokesman said “related to the security of the office of the President of the United States.” Hidalgo Gato, who was in Cuba at the time, was accused of trying to gather military information and told he could not return to New York.

Granma also assailed the “yellow and sensational press” of the United States, specifically mentioning the New York Daily News for reporting that Espinosa tried to plot the assassination of President Nixon.

Among other U.S. “provocations,” Granma charged that the CIA, from a base in Florida, committed espionage and sabotage in Cuba and made “piratical attacks” which cost Cuban lives.