

Welles Denies Opposing New Cuban Regime; Says He Never Talked to Its Officer Foes

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—Secretary of State Hull went to some length today to deny reports that Sumner Welles, United States Ambassador to Cuba, has been encouraging the non-cooperation with the new Cuban Government by the 300 Cuban Army officers living at the National Hotel, where the envoy is staying.

He quoted the following telephonic report from Mr. Welles to the State Department last night:

"I have never spoken to any of the army officers, either individually or in assembly, nor have I ever attempted to communicate with them. I moved to the National Hotel because the lease on my own house had expired and I expected to sail on Sept. 14. I had been living there two days before any army officers took refuge there.

"I have not changed my residence, both because my doing so would have been at once misinterpreted and also because since the hotel is

owned by an American company and many Americans have been residing there I believed my continued stay was helpful in view of the complications existing."
