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Dr. Vicente Cauce has been appointed by the Minister of Education, José Manuel Alemán, to head a project for consolidation of rural elementary schools in Cuba.

At present many of the isolated rural schools are little more than "bohios" where one underpaid teacher cares for the education of numerous students of varying ages and grades.

Plans are at present being drawn up to construct three experimental consolidated rural schools with decent buildings and grounds, and with free transportation of students.

A representative from this project has approached the Cultural Relations Office and the USIS office with the earnest request that any information giving details as to the planning and functioning of rural consolidated elementary schools be furnished. Intense interest is shown as to the arrangements of bus transportation, planning of buildings and all other details such as have been utilized in similar projects in the United States.

It is requested that the Habana USIS be furnished any available information bearing on the subject, including copies of the following pamphlet published by the U.S. Office of Education:

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"Study of 260 school consolidations"
(Education Bulletin # 32, 1924,
Catalogue I 16.3: 924/32).

If the three schools which are being planned are successful it is intended to establish consolidated rural elementary schools throughout Cuba.

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