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Memorandum of Conversation

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SUBJECT:

PARTICIPANTS:

Dr. José T. Barón, Interim Representative of Cuba on COAS.

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Dr. Baron called on me on instructions from his Government regarding the publicity which had appeared in the press concerning charges of the Dominican Government that the Cuban Government had been selling arms to Dominican exiles in Cuba. Dr. Baron said that these charges were without foundation whatsoever and discoursed upon this view at some length, expressing various reasons why President Batista would find it preferable to refrain from any such action as a general policy. He said the Cuban Government was at a loss to understand what the objectives of the Dominican Government might be in this latest outburst of charges.

Dr. Baron gave no indication that the Cuban Government had anything in mind at this point other than to inform other governments of the views stated above.

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