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SUBJECT: VISAS: Refusal of Nonimmigrant Visa to Rolando Arcadio MASFERRER y Rojas

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Section 212(a)(28)(C) Immigration and Nationality Act

The Embassy, on August 13, 1953, refused a nonimmigrant visa to Rolando Arcadio MASFERRER y Rojas under the provisions of the referenced Section of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Reports contained in [redacted] confidential files, as well as those of a controlled American source and of the Legal Attaché, identify the subject as a former member of the Communist Party. He is said to have been dismissed from the Party on August 27, 1945, following publication in his own newspaper, "TIEMPO EN CUBA", of an article critical of the editor of the Communist newspaper "HOY" as a "...collaborator with the enemies of the people, with North American monopolistic... imperialist capital..."

A CAS report of November 4, 1947, describes Sr. Masferrer as pro-Russian, pro-Bolshevik and an advocate of the Marxist Revolution. He was, in the same report, further reported to have stated, as late as April 13, 1947, that he was personally a believer in Marxist principles. A confidential inter-office memorandum of September 21, 1951, relates to reports to the effect that Masferrer had not lost his basic Communist ideology, despite his break with the Cuban Communist Partido Socialista Popular.

In accordance with the Department's Circular Airgram of April 6, 1948, 8:35 a.m., the following biographical data is submitted:

1. NAME: Rolando Arcadio MASFERRER y Rojas
2. DATE OF BIRTH: January 12, 1918
3. PLACE OF BIRTH: Holguin, Oriente, Cuba
4. NATIONALITY: Cuban
5. ISSUING AUTHORITY AND PLACE OF ISSUANCE OF PASSPORT: Ministry of State, Habana, Cuba

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