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TEXT OF CUBAN LETTER OF PROTEST TO MEXICO

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The following transcription is the text of the note presented on Tuesday night to the Mexican Embassy for the maltreatment of the employee of the Cuban Consulate in Mexico City, SILVIA DURAN, in relation to the request for a transit visa made by LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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Regards,

I have the honor of addressing myself to Your Excellency in order to expound the following:

Our embassy in the Republic of Mexico has informed this Ministry that the employee of our consulate in Mexico City, Mrs. SILVIA DURAN, of Mexican nationality, was detained by agents of the Federal Police of your country, and also her husband, on the night of Saturday, 23 November, and that, furthermore, her home was violated, a search having been made of it. She was kept in prison until approximately midnight and during her detention she was submitted to a violent and coercive interrogation in relation to the request for a transit visa made to our consulate in the month of September by the United States citizen, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, accused of the assassination of President KENNEDY.

Mrs. SILVIA DURAN told the aforesaid agents all she knew, adhering strictly to the truth; in spite of which she was the object of censurable treatment, going as for as to make despicable insinuations and asking her about supposed personal

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relations, even intimate, with Mr. OSWALD. Furthermore, she was physically mistreated by the agents of the Federal Police of your country; as a consequence of which, she bears bruises on her arms.

The Revolutionary Government feels that the gross, illegal and unjustifiable manner in which the police arrested and maltreated Mrs. DURAN corresponds to the plan of the reactionaries that, in the United States, planned the assassination of KENNEDY to promote a policy of retrogression and was continued on infamous accusations against Cuba and other countries.

The gravity implicated by the conduct of the aforementioned police agents cannot be dismissed by the Government of Cuba, which considers this act a flagrant complicity of the members of the Mexican Police with those who treacherously tried to involve our country in the filthy crime.

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The dispicabilities, coercious and physical aggressions of which an employee of our consulate in Mexico City has been the victim, constitute not only a criminal act which challenges the judicial authorities of your country, but also the ignoring of the minimal guarantees to which are accredited all the officials and employees of a consular office. The transpired events are, besides, totally unfriendly toward Cuba.

Therefore, the Revolutionary Government of Cuba feels itself in the right and with the duty of presenting before the Government of the United States of Mexico this protest and stating to your illustrous government that the perpetration of these acts damage the friendly relations between both Governments, the maintenances of which have been of profound and demonstrated interest to the people and the Revolutionary Government of Cuba.

I take this opportunity to reiterate to Your Excellency my highest esteem.

RAUL ROA, Minister of Public Relations,
Republic of Cuba

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