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Remylet 3/23/54. The following is a resume of the FEU activities covering the period from the date of referenced letter to the present time.

HAV-2 furnished the following information concerning the subject organization on 4/8/54.

"The FEU organized a meeting at the steps of Havana University to be held April 5th, 1954, in commemoration of the first anniversary of the frustrated assault on Campo Columbia by a little group of students led by Professor RAFAEL GARCIA BARCENAS. The students also planned to protest against the arrest and beating of nine students last March 28 when they uttered subversive shouts against BATISTA and his administration.

"Police forces adopted measures to prevent disorders and even stop the meeting at the slightest provocation by the students. The University Council, fearful the autonomy of the University could be violated and ended by police and government action, advised the students not to celebrate the meeting, marking the first time that the Council intervened in FEU affairs and apparently starting an era of friction with the organization. The Council suspended all activities in the University until April 19th, thus barring all students from the area until such date.

The FEU met under President GERMAN MORE and decided to go ahead with the meeting, the students accusing the Council of collaboration with the BATISTA regime. Rector INCLAN called all student leaders to discuss the situation with him and insisted in the suspension of the meeting, especially because of the extraordinary measures of vigilance adopted by the National Police around the University and the obvious cooperation of the University Police with the National Police, some fights with students having already taken place.

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