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Prisoners in Cuba *1/11/68*

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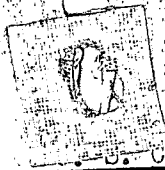
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U.S. CITIZENS POLITICAL PRISON

REPORT - DECEMBER 1967

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GENERAL:

Within the scope of the measures taken by the Cuban authorities with the purpose of reorganizing conditions of the political prisoners, some U. S. citizens who are serving political sentences have voluntarily accepted a transfer from La Cabaña and the Women's Prison in Guanabacoa to various State-controlled farms. Their names follow:

- Elsa Catalina DIAZ NIART
- Pauline TURCHECK
- Mildred WEAVER WILLIAM
- James David RITE
- Pedro J. FUENTES
- Goble Roman GOODRICH
- IRVING RICHARD POYLE
- José Manuel RIZ
- Edelmiro RAMOS RAMOS
- Rubén RUIZ

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The other U. S. citizens political prisoners have refused up to the present to take advantage of the opportunity of working in State farms, offered to them by the Cuban Government, and have chosen to remain in La Cabaña Prison and other similar establishments. They are:

- Jorge CASTRO
- Rafael del PINO
- Frank SMICK
- Antonio GARCIA CREWS
- Lawrence LUNT
- Antulio RAMIREZ ORTIZ
- Braulio RODRIGUEZ
- Claudio RODRIGUEZ MONALES
- John M. SPIRITTO
- Juan MIR

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The attached list of U. S. citizens political prisoners furnishes further information on this matter.

Along the same trend, all the above prisoners have accepted to change the kaki uniform they were using, which carried the letter 'P' (political prisoner), for a dark blue uniform of very coarse material without any

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identification. The only exception has been Juan TUR, who on account of his rebelliousness has been punished to remain incommunicated and is not, therefore, allowed to receive the monthly visit from his relatives.

It should be also mentioned that political prisoners Elisa Catalina DIAZ BIART, Pauline TURCHECK, Mildred VEGA and John SPIRITTO have voluntarily taken advantage of the rehabilitation plan.

HEALTH AND FOOD:

Mr. Herbert ~~CANDILL~~, who is on parole, home confined, has satisfactorily recovered the almost complete sight of his right eye, after being operated on by Dr. William Nagler. CUBA USA

The Swiss Embassy has officially requested the corresponding Cuban authorities to have a bladder operation performed on prisoner Rafael del PINO; an operation for cataracts on Edelmiro RAMOS RAMOS, and an electroencephalography made to Irving Richard POYLE.

According to information furnished by relatives, the health of the other prisoners is in general satisfactory, as well as their morale. They emphasize, however, that food in the prisons is very bad and deficient, while in State farms, although somewhat better, it is still far from good.

The Embassy has been delivering every month to relatives of the prisoners a package containing ten pounds of sundry food furnished by the American Red Cross, intended to be taken to them on the occasion of their monthly visit.

It is the prisoners' opinion that the present ration of powder milk should be increased from two to five pounds per month. They would also desire to have some medicines available for minor diseases of the stomach, kidneys and liver, as well as vitamins. They are also in need of undershirts, sweaters and shoes. The Embassy will keep these requirements in mind when placing the next order with the American Red Cross.

GENERAL VISIT:

Notwithstanding the several written and verbal requests presented to the Cuban authorities to the effect, the Swiss Ambassador, Mr. Alfred Fischli, is still awaiting the necessary authorization to pay an official visit to each U. S. citizen political prisoner.

Habana, December 28, 1967  
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Second Name	Names	Date of Arrest, Sentence or Trial	Term of Sentence	Place of Imprisonment
RAMIREZ ORTIZ	Antulio	- . 2.1966	3 years	La Cabaña, La Habana
RAMOS RAMOS	Edejmiro	17. 4.1963	9 years	Granja Melena 2, Melena del Sur, Prov. Habana
RODRIGUEZ	Braulio	- . 11.1966	5 years	Boniato Prison - Stgo. de Cuba
RODRIGUEZ MORALIS	Claudio	18. 7.1966	20 years	La Cabaña - Ward 34 - Habana
RUIZ	Rubén	30. 3.1966	5 years	Centro Especial No. 5, Ariza, Cienfuegos, Las Villas
SPIRITTO	John M.	5.12.1962	20 years	La Cabaña, La Habana
TURCHECK	Pauline	18. 2.1967	10 years	Granja "América Libre" - Carretera del Morado entre Wajay y El Cano Prov. Habana
TUR	Juan	16.10.1964	30 years	La Cabaña, La Habana
VEGA (né WILLIAM)	Mildred	28. 8.1962	12 years	Granja "Nuevo Amanecer" - Carretera Guatao - Prov. Habana

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POLITICAL PRISONERS - (U. S. Citizens)

Second Name	Names	Date of Arrest, Sentence or Trial	Term of Sentence	Place of Imprisonment
CASTRO	Jorge	- 8.1967	6 years	La Cabaña - La Habana
CARDILL	Herbert	8.4.1965	10 years	Under parole - Home confinement
DEL PINO	Rafael	25.7.1959	30 years	Castillo del Principe, Zone 1, La Habana
PIAZ BIART	Elsa Catalina	- - 1966	6 years	Granja Horticola "Amistad Cubano-Milgar" Candelaria, Pinar del Rio
EMICK	Frank	9.4.1964	30 years	La Cabaña - Ward 34 - La Habana
FITE	James David	8.4.1965	6 years	Granja de Taco-Taco - Prov. Pinar del Rio
FUENTES	Pedro J.	-	30 years	Granja Sandino - Camp #1 - Guane, Pinar del Rio
GARCIA GRIMS	Antonio	24.11.1960	30 years	Castillo del Principe, Zone 1, La Habana
GOODRICH	Cobley Roman	5.11.1964	6 years	Granja "Vázquez" - Puerto Padre, Oriente
LINT	Lawrence	6.5.1965	30 years	La Cabaña - Ward 34 - La Habana
POYLE	Irving Richard	14.4.1964	9 years	Granja "Melena 2" - Group 6 - Melena del Sur, Prov. Habana
PIS	José Manuel	14.10.1966	4 years	Granja "Melena 2" - Group 3 - Melena del Sur, Prov. Habana

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