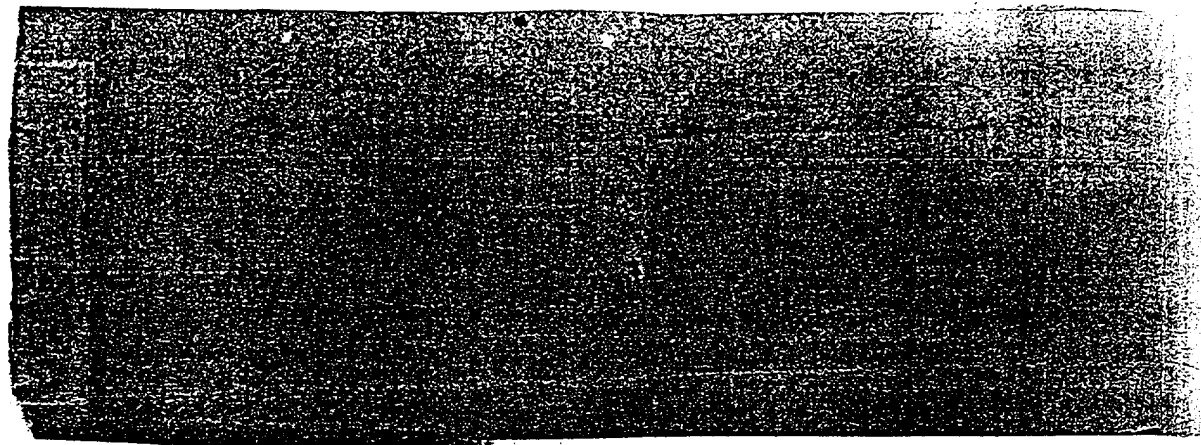


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4. Haiti Seeking Rapprochement With Cuba:

Haitian Ambassador Dorsinville, a member of Haiti's permanent UN delegation who was in Geneva for meetings, had been instructed to approach his Cuban counterpart regarding Haiti's desire to "normalize" relations between the two countries. The Cuban reported to [redacted] that Dorsinville had assured him that "Haiti would make every effort to convince us it will never adopt an anti-Cuban policy." When chided by the Cuban for Haiti's lack of support in international meetings, Dorsinville replied, "Everything will be better."

Comment: Haitian rapprochement with the Castro regime would be consistent with the increasingly anti-US attitude of the Duvalier regime, which appears to be coming under the influence of a clique of extreme leftists close to the President. His current campaign to force the US to increase its aid to Haiti has unleashed considerable anti-US feeling and encouraged the expression of pro-Castro and pro-Communist sentiments. Haitian Foreign Ministry officials have implicitly warned the US Embassy that Haiti's support for an OAS foreign ministers' meeting on the Cuban problem should not imply backing for any action against Cuba.

Although diplomatic relations were not severed, each country withdrew its missions from the other following the abortive invasion of Haiti in August 1959 by a small group from Cuba.

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