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LETTER DATED 23 APRIL 1956 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN PEACE COMMITTEE ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL.

In accordance with Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations,
I am sending you herewith, for the information of the Security Council
of the United Nations, copy of the minutes of the meeting held by the
Inter-American Peace Committee on April the 20th, concerning the case
submitted to the Committee by the Government of Cuba on 27 February.

(Signed)
John C. Dreier
Chairman of the Committee

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INTER-AMERICAN PEACE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD
ON APRIL 20, 1956

The Inter-American Peace Committee held a special meeting at the Pan American Union, in the city of Washington, D. C., at three-thirty p.m. on April 20, 1956. The following members were present:

Ambassador John C. Dreier, Representative of the United States,
Chairman
Ambassador Luis Quintanilla, Representative of Mexico
Ambassador Fernando Lobo, Representative of Brazil
Dr. Ricardo Pillado Salas, Alternate Representative of
Argentina

At the meeting the following statement was unanimously approved:

I. The Inter-American Peace Committee, at the meeting held on February 28, 1956, took cognizance of the Note and appendix thereto that Dr. José T. Barón, Acting Representative of Cuba on the Council of the OAS, had addressed to it on February 27. In these documents the Government of Cuba laid before the Committee certain difficulties that had arisen in its relations with the Government of the Dominican Republic, and requested the Committee to recommend, in accordance with the spirit and the standards governing the community of American nations, a suitable procedure for the solution of those difficulties. At the meeting, the Committee decided to forward immediately a copy of the documents to Ambassador Joaquín E. Salazar, Representative of the Dominican Republic on the Council of the OAS, so that his Government could take cognizance of them and transmit to the Committee any comments it deemed pertinent. The Committee also agreed to meet later to consider, within the limits of its competence and powers, what further action it would take.

II. The Inter-American Peace Committee, in a meeting held on March 8, 1956, also studied carefully the Note and appendices thereto that on the 7th of that month were addressed to it by Ambassador Joaquín E. Salazar, Representative of the Dominican Republic on the Council of the OAS, in which documents the Dominican Government made its comments on the Note referred to in the foregoing paragraph and mentioned in turn certain difficulties in its present relations with the Government of Cuba. At that meeting, the Committee agreed to forward immediately a copy of these documents to Dr. José T. Barón, Acting Representative of Cuba on the Council of the OAS, so that his Government could take cognizance of them.

III. The Inter-American Peace Committee, in a meeting held on March 22, 1956, took due cognizance of the Note addressed to it by Dr. José T. Barón, Acting Representative of Cuba on the Council of the OAS. At the meeting, the Committee agreed to forward immediately a copy of the aforesaid Note to Ambassador Joaquín E. Salazar, Representative of the Dominican Republic on the Council of the OAS.

IV. In keeping with the spirit of the mandate given the Committee by Resolution XIV of Habana in 1940, the Inter-American Peace Committee also established personal contact with the aforesaid Representatives of the Parties concerned, and thus, within the limits of its competence contributed to a clarification of issues susceptible of promoting an understanding between them.

V. Taking into account all the aspects of this matter, and in view of Article 7 of its Statutes, the Inter-American Peace Committee hopes that, through regular diplomatic channels, the two Governments concerned will be able to settle their difficulties within a short time, whereby they will have once more helped to strengthen the effectiveness of the inter-American system, which is a permanent guarantee of the indestructible solidarity of the American nations.

VI. This statement was delivered to the Representatives of the Parties at this meeting.

John C. Dreier
Ambassador, Representative of the United States
Chairman of the Committee

Luis Quintanilla
Ambassador, Representative of Mexico

Fernando Lobo
Ambassador, Representative of Brazil

Ricardo Pillado Salas
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