

BACKGROUND CONVERSATION WITH REPORTERS

Following material may be used as background:

In answer to queries regarding U.S. action on the matter of Mrs. Cruz, Cuban Consular Assistant in San Juan: Mrs. Cruz has served as an official of the staff of the Cuban Consulate in San Juan, Puerto Rico since December 1959. The "highly improper activities" referred to in our Note to the Cuban Government are various actions of Mrs. Cruz Espinosa which amount to intervention in the domestic political affairs of Puerto Rico. She has actively propagandized against the legally constituted and democratically chosen government of Puerto Rico and has engaged in other activities unfriendly to the established Government. Such ^{activities} ~~activities~~ on the part of a foreign consular representative, are, of course, completely improper and constitute ample cause for requesting her withdrawal.

There are no plans for publication of our Note at this time.