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REPORT ON ALFREDO MICHELSEN, COLOMBIAN MINISTER IN MOSCOW (1945)

From: BOGOTA

To: MOSCOW

No: 117

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To VIKTOR^[1]

Copy to 8th Department.

[14 groups unrecovered]

G. TRILLAS[TRIL'Yas]^[11]

[35 groups unrecovered]

following: Conchita QUINTANA [KONTANA[sic!]] VILA, ^[111] 18 years old; Alberto QUINTANA [KONTANA[sic!]] VILA, 17 years old [4 groups unrecovered] QUINIANA [KONTANA] VILA, 13 years old. Their father - Fernando QUINTANA [KONTANA] [2 groups unrecovered] person, Spanish journalist, 61 years old, married to a Russian woman. [3 groups unrecovered] of TRILLAS [3 groups unrecovered] through the Colombian [B] Minister in MOSCOW, Alfredo MICHELSEN [MIKEL'SEN]. TRILLAS also told me that

[45 groups unrecoverable]

toZ[....S]^[1v] to permit his marriage to a Russian woman and at the same time asked for a transfer to another country, because in that case he would not be able to stay in MOSCOW. TAMAYO [TAMAYO]^[v] told TRILLAS that after the conference in SAN FRANCISCO MICHELSEN might not return to MOSCOW. On 7th April^[vi]

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[3 groups unrecovered] to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Alberto LIERAS CAMARGO [Alberto L'ERAS CAMARGO], who requested assistance to be given to MICHELSEN's journey to the conference in SAN FRANCISCO together with his wife, and stated that after the conference MICHELSEN and his wife would return to MOSCOW.

Herewith we send you brief information about MICHELSEN. Source - Luis CABAL [KABAL'] [vii] (henceforth "MAZUR") who was educated and worked for several years with MICHELSEN [6 groups unrecoverable]

[4] groups unrecovered]
(= a Colombian bank) via
director of the Bank of COLUMBIA. ~~His~~ elder brother Eduardo and [1 group unrecovered] father Ernesto are also directors of banks. Intelligence limited. Education - up to third form in secondary school. Since he was incapable of continuing his schooling his father put him into the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on technical work. Later he worked as a technical worker in the Embassies in WASHINGTON, LONDON, BERNE, MONTEVIDEO

[43 groups unrecovered]

is not [0% of value]. He was earmarked as Minister to URUGUAY but at his personal request and under the patronage of LOPEZ's [viii] [0% wife] obtained an appointment to MOSCOW. As a man he is correct, honest, irascible. In politics he plays no part. A typical official. He does not enjoy special respect in BOGOTA circles. He speaks favourably of the USSR. Has left-wing tendencies, especially recently. The announcement in the Press of his marriage to a Soviet citizen, Maria SEMENOVA was in general favourably received in local circles, but was regarded slightly ironically.

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PROKHOR [ix]

- Comments:
- [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
 - [ii] TRILLAS : Gabriel TRILLAS, Secretary of Spanish Communist Party in COLOMBIA.
 - [iii] QUINTANA VILLA : The name by which TRILLAS' children were known in Russia, whither they were sent during the revolution in SPAIN.
 - [iv]Z : Probably LOPEZ.
 - [v] TAMAYO : Luis TAMAYO : BOGOTA journalist and diplomat; was Colombian Consul-General in NEW YORK until April 1945 when he became Minister of National Economy.
 - [vi] 7th April : I.e. the date of MICHELSEN's marriage to Mariya Nikolaevna SEMENOVA.
 - [vii] CABAL : Employee of the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Relations.
 - [viii] LOPEZ : Alfonso LOPEZ, President of Colombia 1942-1945.
 - [ix] PROKHOR : Aleksey Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, 2nd Secretary at the Soviet Legation in BOGOTA.

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