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Subject: Colabee Salvage Case

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's strictly confidential air mail instruction No. 1090 of December 22, 1942 (file No. 195.7), relative to the Colabee salvage case, requesting the Embassy to ascertain whether the Prime Minister had been able to secure the approval of the salvage claimants to the conditions of the proposed arbitration as outlined in the Embassy's air mail despatch No. 1602 of November 27, 1942 (file No. 885.7).

In the course of a conversation with the Prime Minister on January 8 I inquired what progress had been made in the Colabee case. The Prime Minister stated that he was still working on the problem but that no recent progress had been made due to the absence from Cuba of Senator Miguel Suárez Rivas, the principal attorney for one group of claimants. He promised, however, to take up the matter with Senator Suárez Rivas as soon as he returned to Cuba.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

Albert F. Nufer
Counselor of Embassy
for Economic Affairs

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