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General Fulgencio Batista Saldivar
Estoril,
Portugal

Dear General Batista:

I am in the process of preparing a dissertation at the University of Pennsylvania in the field of Political Science. The thesis is entitled "Foreign Involvement in Revolutionary Situations." One of the major cases to be investigated is that of Cuba 1952-1959.

As you, sir, are most assuredly aware, many of the contemporary works on that period are (factually speaking) greatly distorted. In addition, there are many factual omissions in these works; omissions that could only be filled in by those who were directly involved in the situation. I tend to believe that your position has not been fairly recorded in the pages of history.

It is for these reasons that I write to you now. I would like to beg your indulgence in that I would like the opportunity to engage in scholarly conversation with you on this subject in which I am interested. Without doubt, you have been the most prominent figure in Cuban politics since 1933 and you have been aware of data which has been unavailable to others. Again, without doubt, I believe you could assist me greatly with the difficult task I have at hand.

I hope that you will forgive my impertinence in making such a request. Yet, I believe such a request must be made.

Needless to say, sir, any attention that you might render to this request would be greatly appreciated.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Michael Glantz

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