

FOREWORD

Mr. Pat M. Holt, chief of staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, spent the period from June 29 to July 8 in Cuba. On July 28, the Committee considered his report in executive session and ordered it printed for the information of the Senate and of the public generally.

The reasons for Mr. Holt's trip to Cuba are fully set forth in the correspondence, which is also published herein, between the Committee and the Department of State with reference to validation of his passport.

I wish to take this opportunity to express the Committee's appreciation to the Government of Cuba for giving Mr. Holt a visa and to the many officials of that Government, especially President Dorticos and Prime Minister Castro, for receiving him so cordially while he was in Cuba.

Finally, it should be emphasized that the views expressed in this report are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Committee or any member thereof.

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