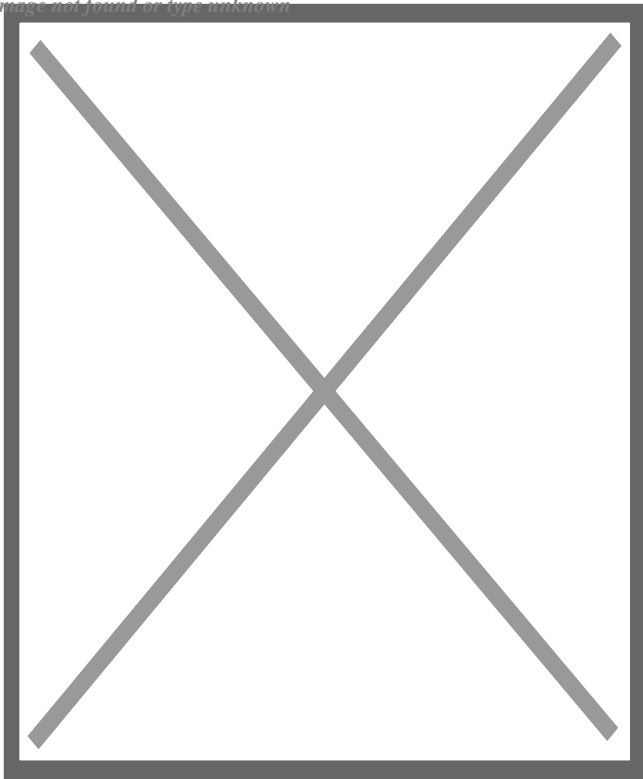


Cuba's foreign minister criticizes document basis for U.S. blockade of the island

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Havana, April 7 (RHC)-- Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez today described the text that laid the foundations for the United States economic blockade of the island as infamous, on the occasion of its 65th anniversary.

On April 6, 1960, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Lester D. Mallory, in a secret memorandum, defined the philosophy of the economic, commercial, and financial blockade imposed shortly after against the Caribbean nation.

"After 65 years of the infamous memorandum, the United States government maintains the same policy against Cuba," Rodríguez stated on the social media platform X.

The Foreign Minister denounced that the U.S. government "makes our people suffer" and attacks "their sources of livelihood" with the implementation of this blockade.

He also accused Washington of including Cuba on its unilateral State Sponsors of Terrorism List, waging a cognitive and communications war against the Caribbean country, and orchestrating a campaign to defame Cuban medical cooperation.

In the document he sent to Eisenhower, then president of the United States, Mallory suggested destroying Cuba's economy as "the only foreseeable way to undermine domestic support" for the leader of the Revolution, Fidel Castro.

"All possible means must be quickly employed to weaken Cuba's economic life," he declared.

For more than six decades, Cuban authorities have denounced this hostility in various national and international forums. They have also rejected the White House's intention to excuse this policy and other sanctions from the shortcomings in that country and, therefore, blame the Cuban government's actions for them.

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