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Committee of the Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional (MLN - National Liberation Movement), rabidly anti-United States, pro-Cuba, Communist front, returned to Mexico from Cuba on 22 June 1963.

2. Rico Galan said that while in Cuba he spent eight days with Fidel Castro Ruz, Communist Prime Minister, and also spoke with the following Cuban Government officials: Osvaldo Dorticos Torrado, President; Ernesto ("Che") Guevara Serna, Minister of Industries; Raul Roa Garcia, Minister of Foreign Relations; Francisco Miró Quesada Cantuarias, Secretary-General of the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP - Cuban Communist Party); Regino Boti Leon, Minister of National Economy; Jose Llanusa Gobel, Director of the National Institute of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation.

According to Rico Galan, he spent five of the eight days with Castro at sea and described discussions of visits to the Soviet Union and his talks with Nikita Khrushchev, Premier of the Soviet Union. Rico Galan further said that the Cuban Government is now making an effort to improve its relations with the Mexican Government, which, according to Rico Galan, have been neglected. These efforts by the Cuban Government will be made not only at the diplomatic level but also "at higher levels." Cuba will also try to improve its relations with Brazil, now that the Brazilian political situation is calmer.

1. Victor Rico Galan, Mexican Marxist journalist and head of the National Press and Propaganda

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