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1. Teresa Proenza Proenza, Cultural Attaché at the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City, was dismissed from her job as a result of an open cable received from Raul Roa Garcia, Cuban Foreign Minister, on about 10 or 12 December 1963. The dismissal was evidently brought on by a remark Proenza made to the sister-in-law of Roa to the effect that Roa's strong note to the Mexican Government regarding the detention of Silvia Duran was a diplomatic error.

2. Proenza, who appeared to be greatly disturbed, attributed her dismissal to the fact that she was a Communist and Roa was not. Proenza visited General Heriberto Jara in Veracruz to plead her case and reported subsequently that Jara was furious at the "injustice." On 24 December Proenza made a brief appearance at an Embassy dinner, slightly drunk, and said that she had just come from a visit with General Lázaro Cárdenas. The fact of her dismissal was known to the Embassy personnel, but it was not being discussed. In late December, Proenza continued to show up at the Embassy almost daily, staying for only a few minutes.

3. On 15 January 1964 a one-way ticket to Cuba for Proenza was received by the Cuban Airlines office in Mexico City. Apparently having just returned from a vacation, Proenza spoke with Jesus Hernandez Armas, Cuban Ambassador, on the evening of 15 January and told him that she would be prepared to travel on 20 January: the Ambassador approved her departure date.

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Source Comment. During Proenza's visit to Cuba in late January and early February 1963, she was refused an interview by Roa, who told her to see Ramiro del Rio Perez, of the Consejo Nacional de Cultura (National Council of Culture), regarding her problems.