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1. Communication No. 1699, dated December 23, 1970, which refers to the situation of a Cuban citizen detained in Nicaragua because of the lack of travel documents. According to the complainant the immigration authorities of Nicaragua would permit the person detained for not having papers to leave if another country would agree to admit him.
2. The Commission considered this case at its Twenty-fifth Session (March 1971), appointing Dr. Gabino Fraga as rapporteur. Dr. Fraga presented a report recommending that the case be referred to the Office of the Regional Representative for Latin America of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, with the request that a solution be sought.
3. The Commission approved this recommendation and sent a note to the Regional Representative on April 2, 1971.
4. The Regional Representative, in a letter dated April 16, 1971, stated that he hoped to ascertain from the Nicaraguan authorities whether the interested party was a "refugee" within the mandate of the High Commission; and that if this were the case, he would try to facilitate his repatriation provided there were assurances "that such repatriation is completely voluntary on the part of the interested party."
5. At its Twenty-sixth Session (October-November 1971), the Commission decided to instruct the Secretariat to continue its contact with the Office of the Regional Representative in relation to this case.