8-8-1989

Cuba: Interior Ministry Official Suicides, Result Of Shame Over Recent Scandals

John Neagle

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/notisur

Recommended Citation
https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/notisur/3365
Cuba: Interior Ministry Official Suicides, Result Of Shame Over Recent Scandals

by John Neagle
Category/Department: General
Published: Tuesday, August 8, 1989

On Aug. 6, the daily Juventud Rebelde reported that Col. Rafael Alvarez Cueto, an official in Cuba's Interior Ministry, had committed suicide. Alvarez had served as chief of the Ministry's finance department for several years. Alvarez had reportedly left letters to relatives and friends expressing his shame and depression as a result of recent drug trafficking and corruption scandals involving the Interior Ministry to which he had devoted most of his life. Unidentified sources cited in the Juventud Rebelde said he also expressed his confidence in the revolution and in President Fidel Castro. No charges had been brought against Alvarez. (Basic data from Xinhua, 08/07/89)

-- End --