

# *Washington Used Young People for Political Subversion against Cuba*

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Havana, August 4 (RHC) — A new report by The Associated Press, published on Sunday, exposed a covert program hatched under the Barack Obama administration to send Latin American youth to Cuba to encourage political subversion.

The anti-Cuba program came long after the arrest in Havana in December 2009 of USAID contractor Alan Gross, which proves that such subversive programs did not stop after Gross was detained.

Taking advantage of the so-called assistance for health programs, the anti-Cuba initiative was reportedly launched in early October 2009, under the U.S. Agency for International Development. Young people from Venezuela, Costa Rica and Peru were sent to Cuba to hopefully encourage social unrest. They did undercover work pretending to be tourists, in an effort to identify people that could become political activists, according to AP.

With this aim in mind, the agents set up an HIV-AIDS prevention workshop, which served as a cover, but they were plagued with lack of competence and risks. Nearly a dozen Latin Americans were used in the program.

The Associated Press proved that USAID and its contractor, Creative Associates International, continued with the subversive programs against Cuba although U.S. officials had said that they were considering the suspension of trips to Cuba following the arrest of Alan Gross, who is serving a prison sentence in Cuba after he introduced illegal technology under the orders of the U.S. government.

This latest subversive action joins a previous one called Cuban Twitter Zunzuneo, launched by USAID in 2009 and reported by Associated Press in April. USAID general inspector is investigating the program, which was ended in September 2012.

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