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THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

171 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK

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Dear Mr. Wile:

I enclose herewith a clipping from the "Jewish Daily Bulletin" of yesterday, consisting of a report from their correspondent in Havana, to the effect that the deportation is threatened of the 800 members of the Jewish Cultural Society there on the alleged ground that they have been engaging in Communistic activities.

The information we have from a reliable source is that while it may be true that a number of the members of this Society are Communistically inclined, it cannot be said of the entire organization; even those who are radical cannot be said to engage in any overt act to bring about a violent change in the government.

The deportation of 800 Jews or of even a smaller number is bound to have a very bad effect on the entire colony in Havana, which we are informed numbers from 6000 to 8000. On the other hand, Cuba is not in a position to endanger the goodwill of American Jews because a large number of American tourists who visit Cuba are Jews. May I not, therefore, again avail myself of your readiness to cooperate with us by asking you to be good enough to direct such an inquiry informally to the Embassy?

Thanking you, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Morris D. Waldman

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