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November 20, 1931

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Permit me, as the local member of the American Jewish Committee, respectfully to put before you a copy of a letter received by me today from the Secretary of the Committee in New York. The copy is enclosed herewith.

I have written Mr. Waldman that because of our personal acquaintance, which I very much prize, I have no hesitation in submitting this matter to you, and assuring him that I have every confidence that you will do whatever you hold to be right in the premises.

This suggestion is offered to Your Excellency informally. My associates apparently do not think the time is ripe to make an issue of the grievances in question, but the Committee is eager to learn the facts. If an inquiry on your part could elicit them, I am sure that at least one very useful purpose would be served.

If in the course of the next few days you would do me the honor of an interview, I should be happy to call at the Chancery.

With assurances of great respect, I am

Yours very sincerely,

His Excellency,
Senor Don Crestes Ferrara,
The Cuban Embassy,
2630 Sixteenth St., N.W.
City

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WASHINGTON

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Mr. Frederick William Wile,
1220 Shoreham Building,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Wile:

I have just read your letter of today, in connection with the alleged threat of deportation of 800 members of the Jewish Cultural Society on the ground that they have been engaged in Communistic activities. I also read the enclosure consisting of copy of a letter from Mr. Morris D. Waldman, Secretary of the American Jewish Committee of New York and a clipping of the Jewish Daily Bulletin, November 18, 1931 on the same subject.

As I do not have any information concerning this alleged action, immediately I am asking my Government that I be thoroughly acquainted with the situation. Just two days ago, incident to some declarations made in a banquet, I also made an inquiry with my Government and I expect a reply any moment. I gave a statement to the effect that such declarations cannot in any way be interpreted as reflective of the sentiments of the Government or the people of Cuba toward a race very respectable for its great achievements and its morals.

As soon as I receive a report on the matter, I will gladly communicate with you, and in the meantime, I assure you that I am at your disposal and will be very happy to receive you any time that is convenient to you.

With expressions of my very high personal regard, believe me,

Faithfully yours,

Oreste Ferrara
