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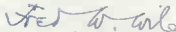
Dear Mr. Waldman:

I have today received the enclosed correspondence from the Cuban Ambassador. Because of the rush incidental to the opening of Congress, I have given it only cursory examination, but I am hopeful that it will be found satisfactory. If it is not, and there is anything further I can do, I want you to feel free to command me.

In any event I have the conviction that nothing but good has been accomplished by your vigorous intervention in the matter.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,



Morris D. Waldman, Esq.,  
American Jewish Committee,  
171 Madison Avenue,  
New York City.

P. S. I think it would be nice if you were to address an official acknowledgment of his letter to the Ambassador.

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EMBAJADA DE CUBA  
WASHINGTON

December 6, 1931.

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

My dear Mr. Wile:

I have just received from Cuba a report in connection with the matter you took up with your letter concerning the alleged persecution to the Jewish race in Cuba and I am pleased to transmit to you the salient points of said report.

The Secret Police received confidential information to the effect that a communistic meeting was to take place in the "Union Cultural Hebrea de Cuba" on the evening of the sixth of September. A detective attended said meeting, accompanied by a Jewish interpreter in order to verify the information received.

The meeting was inaugurated and the first speaker, a young man named Spetein delivered a speech in which he violently attacked the Government with cutting phrases, such as the following: The Government maintains the Army and the police to assassinate honest people, etc. This speech was of a net communistic character. A representation of communistic drama entitled "Moris Vinchersky" followed, and afterwards several speakers continued with the communistic propaganda. The meeting was attended by notorious communistic element well known to the Cuba authorities.

According to the investigation conducted, the "Union Cultural Hebrea de Cuba" is a branch of an affiliation of a communistic organization in the United States, and this was verified by the correspondence and printed matter occupied. It also corresponds with communistic centers in London, New York and Buenos Aires and numerous communistic and revolucionary pamphlets were seized. The Governor of

Havana



Havana by Decree of October 15 suspended the activities of this Society basing its resolution in the pertaining provisions of the Cuban law, the proved facts being more than sufficient to warrant the measure. As result of this the principal leaders of the "Unión Cultural Hebrea de Cuba" were arrested, and are being prosecuted with the view of having them deported as undesirable aliens.

The foregoing readily shows that the race of the people involved did not influence at all in the action of the Cuban authorities which was prompted exclusively by the communistic and revolucionary activities of these men.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I wrote yesterday to Mr. Isidore Hershfield in which I clearly explain that neither the Cuban People or the Cuban Government has any race or religion prejudices, and I briefly outline the policy of the Cuban Government concerning the Jews in Cuba.

With expressions of my very high personal regard, I remain,

Cordially yours.

*Orestes Ferrera*

(Senor Don  
*Orestes Ferrera*)

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Mr. Isidore Hershfield, Counsel,  
Hebrew Sheltering & Immigrant Aid Society of America.,  
1115 Conn., Avenue, North West, Washington, D.C,

My dear Mr. Hershfield:

I have read in some newspapers news in regard to the manner in which the Cuban Government treats the Jewish race in Cuba, which news are intirely without foundation.

If there is a place in the world where there is no prejudice against any people, race or religion, that place is Cuba.

The news published in the newspapers is nō true. This news forma part of an active propaganda organized against the present Cuban regime. I have the pleasure to state here-in which is the attitude of the Government and of the Cuban people in this matter:

- 1° It was never and it is not the policy of the Cuban Government to discriminate against or oppress the Jews in any manner whatever.
- 2° The Cuban Government acknowledges the value of the contribution that its Jews residents and citizens have made to my country in industrial and professional life and otherwise.
- 3° That there will be no general condemnation, punishment or deportation of Jews because of the guilt of any individual.
- 4° That any Jew charged with an offense or with deportation will be given fair trail and his case decided on its merits.

I desire to emphasize the fact that the Jewish race shall have no difficulties of any kind and that there is no discrimination whatever against anybody on account their origin.

Of course, the Cuban Government must defend itself from individuals who pretend to conspire against its institutions and against the institutions of all free countries of the world; and this attitude ought to be accepted with pleasure by all men of order pertaining to any race, creed or religion.

I beg to remain, my dear Mr. Hershfield,

Yours very truly,