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December 8, 1931

Dear Dr. Adler:

I am enclosing copies of the dossier in connection with the situation which has recently arisen in Cuba. I assume you will want to drop a short note of acknowledgement to the Cuban Ambassador as is suggested by Mr. Wile. A note to Mr. Wile from you acknowledging his efforts in this direction as well as his service in trying to get Madariaga for us, will also be a gracious act.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Cyrus Adler,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Dear Mr. Waldman:

I have your letter of December 8th suggesting that I make an acknowledgment to the Cuban Ambassador for his correspondence with Mr. Wile. As far as I can see, the first letter was that of November 20th, in which he said that he had this pushed. The second letter is that of December 6th. As I analyze it, a Communistic meeting was to take place in the "Union Cultural Hebra de Cuba". I do not know whether that indicates a meeting of this Union, or whether a Communistic meeting took place in its building or in its rooms.

There were then Communistic speeches. It is further, according to his statement, established that this Union is in affiliation with Communistic organizations in the United States, etc. All these things are apparently established by secret police. Now why I should thank the Cuban Ambassador for finding this out, I do not know.

The letter which the Ambassador wrote to Hershfield is at least a declaration of policy of the Cuban Government, but you will see that in his letter to Hershfield he does not speak of a Communistic society but

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speaks of individuals. I am rather loathe to accept the statement that a society which calls itself the Jewish Cultural Society is Communist, unless I also have proof. Communists outside of Soviet Russia do not identify themselves as Jews, even though some of them are Jews.

I do not know what Mr. Wile omitted from your letter because the copy is not enclosed, but we ought not in such correspondence bring in American tourists, etc.

I have written a letter to Mr. Wile, but I am still doubtful about writing to the Ambassador.

Very sincerely yours,

CYRUS ADLER.

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