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Source speaks Symish, has resided at intervals in Cuba since youth, has had contacts for many years among Cubans in the sugar business, and knows personally many present and former Cuban political and administrative personalities. Source lived in Havana during the entire calendar year 1959, working with the Sugar Stabilization Institute and collecting material for an analysis of developments in Cuba since Fidel Castro's victory.

I have recently learned that Hiro Cardona has accepted, effective in early Jan 61, a teaching position at a university in Poerto Rico and that he is withdrawing, at least for the foreseeable future, from all political activity. His anti-Castro sentiments remain as strong as ever, but he is disgusted with the bickering among enti-Castro Cubans and has made up his mind to sit on the sidalines for a time. Miro has a particular dislike for, distrust of, Manuel Ray and for his MRF group. Ee feels that Pay's program

in much too collectivist, Marxist, and opportunist. He also resents what he terms Ray's affection for Communism and the UETH. He recently had a long and acrimonious discussion with Ray about all this and told him to his face what he thought of him. Mire is determined not to be tarred with the brush of association with Ray in any form, which is another important reason for his decision to withdraw to Puerte Rice. He does not want to compromise his own possible political future in Caba by associating with the likes of Ray. Incidentally, Mire has also informed Antonio de Varona that he will have nothing further to do with him.

Conflicts have recently developed within the ranks of the MRP, both inside Cube and elsewhere. Famon Parquin became the "military chief" of the MRP. during the Fall of 1960 and continues nominally to hold that position. One of my Cuben friends has just had a long talk with Barquin and reports that he intends to have nothing further to do with Ray. Of course, he has not yet told this to Bay. His reasons for his change of heart are besically the same as those bited by Miro, Some M2P adherents are attempting to oust Ray from his position in the MRP and to replace him as lander by Felipa Pazoe. Jungs Beruff is said to be the mainspring of this enti-Ray novement." course, both Beruff and Pasos are extremely ambitious, which is one factor in their schemes. The other factor, so I am informed, is that many MRP atherents are now having second thoughts about Ray and fear that his character, personality, and progrem will serve to alienate more people, in the long run, then they will to attract new members and sympathizers. They also feel that Ray will eventually alienate the moderates and will also alienate popular and official UI opinion. Therefore; they reason, Bay must go and must be replaced by sometody like Pasos, who, they feel, does not have Emy's liabilities. Some of the anti-Pay elements in the MPF hold this position for C-0-3-7-1-3-E-3-1-1-A-1

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the sales of expediency (i.e., they wish to get rid of an albatross); others, however, genuinally think that Ray is findmentally antagonistic to what they believe in. These people thus expose kin an principle, now that they have learned more about the details of his character and his program. In any event, Price seems perfectly villing to go along. The only trouble, so I am told, is that neither funce nor Beruff have any personal following inside Cula. Faustino More does have a personal following there, but he invers fay and not leads. Now, Barquin is very much interested in Delio Garde-Ochos, the old "comandante" during the Castro rebellion against Totista, and now in fail in the Dominican Republic. Barquin feels (as IV many others) that Felio might well serve as a cohesive force within the TaP, to pull together the "rightlasts" (Beruff and Pazos) and the "lefticts" (Day and Pérez), because Meryone holds him in such high esteem. Of course, the only trouble is that Delio is not currently "available".

3. One of my Cuban friends, who is well-versed in affairs in Oriente Province, has informed me that the "colones" and others there feel pretty much the same about the MMP situation as I have described clove. Thus, the conflicts outside of Cuba within the MMP are mirrored inside Onla, or at least are so mirrored inside Oriente Province.

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