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SUBJECT: Meeting with Marcel Ray and Paul Clites in the latter's apartment (30 West 60th Street, New York City) on 22 November, 1960.

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1. This portion of my report on above meeting deals with misstatements and omissions which came up during that meeting and circus, perhaps, even with regard to the KDF's political posture.

2. Strengths: the entire conversation became quite clear that Marcel Ray had no illusions and was prepared to believe the various pro-Castro positions which form his alliance with individual MRDers & various revolutionaries as a result of "free talk" amongst themselves it appears to me that the KDF is beginning to lose some of its more controversial members. There was repeat reference to the KDF's desire and resolution to work in the best of terms with the U.S. and to be fully committed to all free West German activities, my repeated by Ray himself that he and/or his group right have "neutralist" aspirations and does not see himself as the role of a Latin American known. Again and again, Marcel Ray explained the need to fight the Soviet Union's influence in Cuba to the intent. Also noted in this connection was how he would retain the Soviet/Chinese influence in Cuba, he first tried to talk around the subject, saying that these relationships would have to be considered in the light of Cuba's international status of any given time; he denied this rapidly stating that these issues of international significance had not been fully considered at all by himself or his group and that they had to give full thought in the forthcoming meeting.

3. When asked to define his position vis a vis the Church, Ray pointed with pride to Bishop Fins and Bishop Casalio—the former an important lay church leader, the latter an important figure in Cuba's Catholic hierarchy. According to Ray, some discrediting proclamations are also already available within the U.S. In other words, Ray claims that he is working well with the Church and the Church is working well with his movement. So, say, as I understand it he received the final copy of the KDF's program, which he notes was quite different from the first draft that had been given to me. (Concurs this represents recently published in Arms, and so currently has translation to U.S. A cursory examination shows that indeed this platform has been toned down a bit.)

4. Ray informed us that the Cuban Christian Committee of Friends' PCO group has contacts with Fins and is now working directly with the U.S. PCO group.

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5. Our informed opinion as to a decision had been made on the
utilization of certain KEP installations. I am not able to give a further sum-
mary on the technical terms. (Comments will be very brief
here at any rate, I would suggest that KEP's present report
be referred to this article so KEP as soon as possible.)

So far we have explored very little of Cuba for which would be given to us by the U.S. people at an early date, say a year? My answer to this was that I did not know. (Conrad: I would suggest that M.L.M. examine this point with similar permanent institutions—whatever they may be—

attempted to communicate with me during this meeting from his position as chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Negro Women, in attempting to make to me the following statement: "We have been told by our friends in the Soviet Union that they have no objection to our having a permanent representative in Moscow, and we would like to have you go there to represent us." I said, "Well, I am not able to go to Moscow now, but the Foreign Office has the necessary funds available to pay my expenses, so I will go there." He said, "That's all right, but it is realized that with a boat trip across the ocean and such severe circumstances will have to be considered. Could we not have the boat go around the Cape of Good Hope?" I said, "Yes, but after this is done we have to turn the boat over to the British to be used as their own boat. By another way this boat can be taken into the harbor of Vladivostok, where we could explore Siberia thoroughly and return home by rail." The parties are still trying to make arrangements.

8. Any information on the law and practice of law reform and what a particular state has voted to change or propose in establishing a greater degree of representative government can be obtained from the state.

26. I said I wanted to see for [redacted] a Galen currently working in Britain for [redacted], & when this [redacted] is to be obtained by the H.P.C. a political committee. I said that I would look into this matter.

Li. Don't think there's a chance the working. We made a request for special wire & light, he still, wrote to us by the American Service Company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This writing was not calling them up personally. Until I used my telephone in the Harbor or other places to get those names! They also ERIC. This place has been ruined physically in many ways. [REDACTED] (Continued) Well there are some strong anti-sectarian, I SIGHTED last week very strong anti-sectarian to the KKK. (Klan) very strong anti-KKK. No. 11 Atlantic 14; 134 W. 14th St. New York, N.Y.

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13. Approximately five MF people currently stationed in New York are in contact with the CPUSA in this area, by radio. The MF people are alienating individuals from their Castro followers and at the same time working to turn to Luton their defectors. They did not want to give the names of these people to us and I did not pursue the matter further at this meeting.

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