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- 1. "In connection with my Spanith language radio program, as well as in furtherance of my personal interests in Cuban affairs, I contrived to interview Manuel (Manolo) RAY on the occasion of his visit and speech at Los Angeles on 9 Dec 63. RAY is the leader of the supposedly anti-Castro group known as JURE, or Junta Revolucionaria Cubana. The interview, with RAY's permission, was taped while we were proceeding via Volkswagen to the airport. RAY's chauffeur, significantly, was a JURE supporter, Manolo GONZALEZ who, I recall, was emotionally condemning the US in front of the Los Angeles Civic Center at the time of the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion attempt.
- 2. "As you will note in the taped record, I was brutally frank with RAY. It was my intention to try to convince him that his stand did not differ markedly from that of the Communists. Neither RAY, nor JURA, are prone to attack Castro frontally. Their response to everything is a criticism or an attack on Batista. RAY's devotion to socialism is pitifully obvious, and reminds me once more that he did not break with Castro. It was Castro who threw him out, after the former made it clear in February 1959 that his object was the Communization of Cuba. If Castro had not murdered Camillo Cienfuegos and Ruberto Katos, chances are RAY would still be with him.
- 3. "As you will note, RAY espouses public ownership of electric power facilities, transportation, communications, etc. His defense is based exclusively on the allegation, probably true, that the extension of electric power into rural areas is not economically feasible, hence neglected by private industry. No other reason is advanced for the nationalization of other industries. At any rate, RAY speaks for himself in the interview, and in the unhappy, but unlikely event that RAY and JURE ever come to prominence in Cuba, with or without US government aid, the record will have more immediate and more devastating significance. As a matter of fact, one would do well to translate, transcribe and study it."

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- 1. I heard Manolo Ray's speech to the Cuban exiles in Los Angeles, and also had an opportunity to visit with him for a few minutes. The following is my evaluation of Ray.
- 2. Ray tries to make clear that the Cuban problem is a Cuban problem, should be handled by Cubans, and should not be considered as an international situation. He says that the Cubans in the US cannot sit and wait for things to change. At the same time, he decries any kind of discrimination in employment of Cuban exiles in the US, claiming that their skills and their hopes will deteriorate. I suspect that he feels that they will not be able to contribute financially if they are not employed, also. He makes a big point, too, that they must rely neavily on the people within Cuba, adding that there are many there who must cooperate now in order to get work and food, but that in their hearts they are not pro-Fidel. He wants them particularly to get the message that he is not against them but needs their help.
- 3. Ray seems to favor a governmental system like Fuerto Rico's. He likes what he described as a "cooperative system," and praises the idea of government autonomous corporations. At the same time, he says he is in favor of maintaining private property and supporting education. His aim, he says, is first to get Cuba out of the Soviet area, and then into the democratic area, but adds that it would not be proper to trade a leftist dictatorship for a rightist.
- 4. Of some 400 or 500 people who heard Ray speak, most were somewhat indifferent, even critical at first, but at the end seemed to approve.

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