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1. One of my Cuban friends, who is well-acquainted with Manuel Ray and his underground apparatus inside Cuba [See Report Number OOB-3,168,498 for earlier data concerning Ray's group and its plans. See also Report Number OOB-3,168,643 for other ramifications of underground activities], has just given me data concerning Ray's future plans.
2. Ray and his group intend to continue to participate in the fight now in progress inside Cuba against Castro and will do everything possible to overthrow him. The new angle in their thinking is that they now plan to have nothing whatsoever to do with the provisional government which all anti-Castroites expect to see organized in Cuba, following Castro's eventual downfall. Ray and his group plan to sit back and let others take part in the provisional government and themselves enter the active political arena only when elections are held. They plan to do this, because they are convinced, first, that the provisional government will make a lot of enemies for itself, and, second, because they are sure that their group is the only political haven where those people who supported Castro originally, but who are now opposed to him, can find shelter and remain true to their ideals. This is merely another way of stating the Ray group's original conviction that they alone are the supporters of the revolution in Cuba, the revolution which Castro began, but which he then betrayed. Consequently, they are going to let the other groups demonstrate their incapacity during the period of the provisional government. Once that incapacity shall have been demonstrated, so reason Ray and his group, all patriotic Cubans will turn to them. They feel that time and history are on their side.

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