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SUBJECT: Government Donates \$100,000 to CTC

A check for \$100,000 has reportedly been presented to the Cuban Confederation of Labor (CTC) as a "contribution of the Government toward the upkeep of the labor unions". Dr. Orlando GOMEZ, office manager of the CTC's foreign relations section, told the Embassy's labor reporting officer that the money was to be used to complete construction of the CTC's headquarters building. Although the building is occupied, there is a certain amount of finishing to be done.

COMMENT

Under the PRIO regime the CTC regularly received payments from the Government. When BATISTA came to power these payments halted and the CTC was forced to undergo certain economies (see reference). The present payment would seem to indicate that the Batista Government now feels that it no longer need fear political opposition from the CTC. Eusebio MUJAL, CTC Secretary-General, appears to be working very cooperatively with the Government. This donation lends weight to reports that the new Partido Laborista will support Batista in the elections set for next November, although the labor leaders are claiming it will be "independent" and work only for what it regards as labor's interests.

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