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SUBJECT: LAW DECREE 1305. DEDUCTION OF UNION DUES FROM SALARIES OF SUGAR WORKERS. (CHECK OFF SYSTEM)

Attached is a translation of Cuban Law Decree No. 1305 dated February 26, 1954.

This Law Decree imposes the "check off" system on the Cuban sugar industry by requiring the industry to deduct 1% of each worker's salary which in turn is deposited with the union as follows:

- "a) To the local union of the mill, 45% pursuant to authorization by the National Federation of Sugar Workers;
- b) To the National Federation of Sugar Workers, 31.50%;
- c) To the Cuban Confederation of Labor, 13.50%;
- d) To the Committee on International Policy of the Cuban Confederation of Labor, 10%."

The above decree is the result of a former decree compelling the employers to pay the union dues for each worker from their own funds, being declared unconstitutional.

For the Ambassador:

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Enclosure:

Translation of Law Decree 1305  
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