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To the

Officer in Charge of the American Mission,
Habana.

The Secretary of State advises that the Washington office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has consulted the Department in connection with a report received from the B'nai B'rith organization in Habana to the effect that Jews in Cuba are being called in and registered by the Servicio de Inteligencia Militar (S.I.M.). A copy of that report, together with a copy of letter from the Habana Lodge of B'nai B'rith, both dated May 19, 1953, are enclosed.

The B'nai B'rith official who consulted the Department was told that there was no information of which the Department was aware indicating that such registrations were taking place, or the reasons therefor. The Embassy is requested to discreetly determine whether such registration is indeed occurring and whether it is confined to Jews, or to all persons who formerly resided in areas now controlled by the USSR, or to all aliens resident in Cuba, and to report its views to the Department. The source of the information should not be divulged to persons outside the Embassy.

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Enclosures:

- ✓ Report from B'nai B'rith organization in Habana.
- ✓ Letter from the Habana Lodge of B'nai B'rith.

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