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I have the honor to report that through arrangement with the Minister of State I called on President Batista this morning. The President several weeks ago expressed a desire to talk to me and it was in response to that expressed desire that I requested an interview with him.

I talked to the President for an hour at his country residence outside Habana. I found him in good spirits, he was calm and apparently confident, and he made only a passing reference to political difficulties. He said that he regretted that next year's budget had to be so high in the face of probable declining revenues, and he explained that the high budget was due to the fact that the Prío Government had started so many public works which required additional large expenditures to finish. He hoped that as these public works were completed the budget would be decreased. My discussions with the President covering various aspects of Cuban-American relations will be reported separately.

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