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MEMORANDUM

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To: Mr. Charles Mechen

From:

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Date:

Aug. 28, 1962.

Regarding our conversation of August 28th, we enclose herewith
copy of the Manifesto that we showed to you.

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This is a combination — or rather, a confusion— of Marxist economics applied to non-existent 19th century capitalism with Papal encyclicals (Christian Democracy), Peron's "philosophy" (Justicialismo), and Nehru's "Third Position."

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It is much too long, much too detailed, and much too confusing to be assimilated by any but the very highly sophisticated Cuban intellectual. And he would have to be equally confused, or semi-educated, to be able to follow the line.

The author ignores that Marx's theories of class oppression and the production are no longer admitted by most authoritative economists today. The author's frequent references to "capitalismo reaccionario" is a "black beast" that did not exist, even in Cuba.

In a nutshell, the credo is too long and verbose to be effective, too inconsistent in the various points of view it tries to combine to be convincing, and too detailed to be taken seriously as a guide in the practical ~~business~~ business of government and social relationships.

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