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REF ID: Meeting with Hermal Ray and Paul Gibbs in the latter's  
apartment (30 West 60th Street, New York City) on 22  
November, 1960.

MAIN POINTS OF INTEREST

1. This portion of my report on above meeting deals with miscel-  
laneous information which came up during that meeting and, perhaps,  
has vitifical light on the NRP's political posture.

2. Throughout the entire conversation it became quite clear that  
Hermal Ray and his associates are very far from united themselves the  
various political positions which former had taken upon individual NRP's  
at various occasions as a result of these talks amongst themselves it  
appears to me that the NRP is beginning to lose even some of its more  
controversial positions. There was repeat reference to the NRP's  
desire and intention to work at the best of terms with the U.S. and  
to be fully committed to all free world movements. Ray rejected  
my suggestion that he and his group might have "neutralist" aspira-  
tions—he does not see himself as the ruler of a Latin American nation.  
Again and again, Hermal Ray expressed the need to fight the Soviet  
Union's influence in Cuba to the utmost. He also, in this connection  
mentioned he would retain the Soviet/Cuban influence in Cuba, he first  
tried to talk around the subject, saying that these relationships would  
have to be considered in an light of reality. I must stress at any  
given time he stressed this point by saying that these issues of inter-  
national relations had not been fully covered as yet by himself or  
his staff and that any real thought will be given in the forthcoming  
week.

3. When asked to define his position vis a vis the Church, Ray  
pointed with pride to Fidel Castro and Rafael Cancelada—the former an  
important lay Church leader, the latter an important figure in Cuba's  
Catholic hierarchy. According to Ray, some dissenting priests  
are also already affiliated with the NRP. In other words, Ray claims  
that he is working well with the Church and the Church is working well  
with his movement. He, Ray, said that I had received the final copy  
of the NRP's program, which in most respects quite different from the first  
draft that had been given to me. (Corrects this program was recently  
published in Spanish and is currently being translated by Mr. A. ordinary  
examination notes that indeed the platform has been taken from a bit.)

4. Ray informed me that the Cuban Executive Committee of Castro's  
NRP group has broken with Mass and is now working directly with the NRP.

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6. Ray inquired whether or not a decision had been made on the  
arriving of certain KIP assignments. I said that this was a matter for  
discussion on the technical level. (Comment: unless this has been  
done already, I would suggest that KIP/PT transmit pertinent  
information on this matter to MASH as soon as possible.)

7. Do we have explosives inside Cuba now which could be given to  
the KIP people at an early date, Ray asked? My answer to this was that  
I simply did not know. (Comment: I would suggest that KIP/PT examine  
this matter and furnish pertinent instructions-whatever they may be-  
to MASH.)

8. While Ray never deviated during this meeting from his previous  
agreement to coordinate military plans with us, he continued to probe to  
find out whether or not we could be willing to simply furnish him the  
means with which to carry out his military operations. A case  
in point: "We need a boat," Ray said. It is realized that such a boat  
could, under any, later on, defense cover arrangements will have to be  
developed. Could we buy the boat, could we provide it with the necessary  
cover; and, after this is done, would we then turn the boat over to the  
KIP to be used as they see fit? My answer was that this would fall into  
the category of "qualifications," which has been explored fully previously  
during this meeting. (See parts one and two of this contact report.)

9. Ray informed us that he had sent word to Ray Brown and that a  
meeting with him would be arranged soon; he will participate in  
establishing a system under which cooperative arrangements can be estab-  
lished and can be preserved. Ray remarked.

10. Ray told me that he and Tibbs had a appointment with a Mr.  
Tom Higgins(?) of Time magazine in the afternoon of 17 November.

11. Would I write a line for [Boris] <sup>04</sup> [Boris] a Cuban currently  
working in Miami for [Crestella], a Cuban friend [Crestella] is to be uti-  
lized by the KIP in psychological warfare work. I said that I would look  
into this matter. <sub>04</sub>

12. About three times during the meeting, Ray made a request for  
special maps of Cuba, he said, were prepared by the Aerial Service Company  
in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This company was not selling these maps  
publicly. Could I see my informant with the Pentagon or other places to  
get these maps? Ray also stated that this problem had been raised pre-  
viously in Miami with [Jim Ford] <sup>04</sup> (Comment: unless there are some  
strong objections, I would feel that these maps could be made available  
to the KIP through our liaison channel. It is suggested that KIP/PT  
carry the ball on this, to if you so wish.)

13. Ray told me that his informant that [Boris] <sup>06</sup> [Boris] has about 100  
was under his command in various projects. Ray felt that [Boris] had big  
influence in the Sierra Nevada and that his [Boris] sympathies were  
with the KIP. However, after the [Boris] <sup>06</sup> [Boris] <sup>06</sup> [Boris] <sup>06</sup> [Boris] <sup>06</sup>  
entire team had cooled out and perhaps this would not be the time to  
make any approaches to [Boris] <sup>06</sup> [Boris] <sup>06</sup> [Boris] <sup>06</sup> [Boris] <sup>06</sup>  
MASH traffic on [Boris] <sup>06</sup> [Boris] <sup>06</sup> [Boris] <sup>06</sup> [Boris] <sup>06</sup>  
attention for whatever use they intend to make of it.

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13. Approximately five MAF people currently stationed in New York are in contact with the MAF in the area, NY state. The MAF people are obtaining intelligence from these Castro followers and at the same time looking to them to induce their defection. Ray did not want to give the names of these people to me and I did not pursue the matter further at all.

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