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[Remarks: Statement of Cuban Ambassador]

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INFORMAL EXTEMPOREANOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT,
IN RESPONSE TO STATEMENTS BY DR. GUILLEMMO PATTERSON,
CUBAN AMBASSADOR, AND SENOR JOSE MANUEL CASANOVA,
PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC UNION OF CUBA.

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President of the Mission: It works.

The President: What pleases me particularly is that the economic revival in Cuba has come so quickly, even more quickly than we could have hoped when the trade agreement was signed, and from all I hear from my friends in Cuba and from what you have told me, the improvement in economic conditions is not merely at the top, but that it extends down -- that the wages are better on the

farms and that you have a better purchasing power. It is a very, very fine thing. Your recovery has been quicker than ours.

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The President: Perfectly true. Things are coming much better. Some day I am coming down to see you, but I am not only coming to Havana, but I am going into the rest of the country. I used to know it in the old days, 20 years ago.

The President of the Mission: It is beautiful today.

The President: I was there many times. I know the interior of the country and many of the smaller towns. So I hope some day to be able to get down to see you.

A member of the Mission: Very likely you were in Santiago?

The President: Yes, I was there in 1917.

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MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE SUMNER WELLS:

You may care to have these copies
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STEPHEN EARLY
Assistant Secretary to
the President

Enclosure