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Havana, December 1<sup>st</sup>. 1919

General Enoch H. Crowder,  
Washington.

Dear General Crowder:

I have received and read with great pleasure your very kind and good letter, the contents of which could not certainly be contrary to any expectation of mine in regard to you, for I am too well acquainted with your character not to feel absolutely sure that you would have never deviated from the straight forward line in your long and highly valuable services to Cuba and to your country, and that, accordingly, your views on some present matters of ours would be, as you yourself state it in your letter, that any scheme to have our elections supervised could not be entertained except in the event, which is not now the case, that it would have been unanimously requested by the Cuban people and its Government.

You may rest assured that I have never had any doubt of your sincerity and consistency towards us and I cannot even see on what grounds you have come to experience any degree of uneasiness in this connection, for I must repeat that not even the least shadow of suspicion and much less of anxiety in regard to your sincerity and political honesty has ever crossed our minds here.

We can only feel for you, motives of thankfulness and gratitude for all your services to Cuba, which have always been rendered by you in such an honorable and efficient manner, including this last one, consisting in your disinterested advice, as it is expressed in your letter on the matter of our future elections, a service of which we have to feel deeply sensible, as it must certainly have weighed decisively on the mind of your Government in Washington, and let me say that I am now giving expression to my most true feelings concerning yourself in connection with this subject.

Mrs. Menocal is still ~~abroad~~<sup>out</sup> in Europe and she will certainly highly appreciate your message to her as soon as she shall be back which I expect will be in the very near future.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

M. G. Menocal



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DE LA HABANA

*esta es la firma Menocal,  
guarde copia y yo me he  
de tiempo de sacarla.*