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Dear Doc,

As you perhaps know, the U.S. has a treaty with Haiti under which all finances & financial operations of the Government are subject to the approval of the U.S.

The State Department recently sent former Civil Service Commissioner McDermott as financial advisor to Haiti. He has returned & the Haitian

Government is trying to arrange  
for borrowing about \$30,000,000.  
to refund its debts & put the  
finances on a sound basis.

McDermott is a Republican.  
The State Dept. seems to be  
largely ditto. McDermott  
& the Dept. are negotiating with  
our Enemies, the National  
City Bank here - the very  
citadel of republican re-  
actionism, to look after  
Haiti. The chances are that  
Haiti will be plucked. Now

if the President would direct the  
State Department to put all  
financial matters relating to  
Haiti in my hands I am  
sure I could do some good.  
make them consult me.

It is a pity to let everything  
go to the enemies of the  
administration.

If the Boss is well enough  
for you to mention this please  
do so. It will have to be  
done promptly.

Love for you all, es-  
pecially to him.

Affly Yours  
M. G. McLeod