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Excerpt From Memorandum Commenting on a Proposal (October 22, 1954)  
for Revising the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Commission

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4. What are the goals which the Commonwealth can reasonably expect to accomplish through the pending reorganization of the Caribbean Commission or revision of the agreement?
- a. To gain rights equal to those of present Commission members, in such matters as voting, representation and payment of the organization's costs, for jurisdictions which are fully self-governing in matters within the scope of the Commission.
  - b. To arrange for approval by the Commonwealth Government of the revised agreement before the U. S. Government accepts the agreement on behalf of the Commonwealth. A fundamental principle is involved here which would also establish a useful precedent.
  - c. To ensure that membership in the Caribbean Commission will be open to independent nations in the Caribbean area.
  - d. To ensure that the new arrangement will reflect the transformation that has occurred in relationships between metropolitan governments and the respective Caribbean areas (including those which are still

non-self-governing), a transformation from "colonialism" to "partnership".

The new agreement or charter should reflect neither outmoded concepts of colonialism nor suspicion and hostility toward the metropolitan powers. The spirit of mutual faith, confidence, good-will, and cooperation among all governments concerned should permeate the new organization. This spirit should be manifest in the proceedings and documents leading to the establishment of the new organism.