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NSC BRIEFING

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I. Incomplete results suggest slight gains for center and left parties and decline of extreme right.

II. With 70 percent of returns in for lower house, popular vote is as follows:

	1958		1953
Christian Democrats	won 42.7%	--	40.7%
Communists and Nenni Socialists	37.5%	--	35.4%
Monarchists	2.2%	--	6.9%
Fascists	4.4%	--	5.9%

A. No results available on Democratic Socialists, Liberals and Republicans.

B. Relative strengths of Communists and Nenni Socialists not yet available, but early returns suggest greater proportion for Nenni Socialists vis-a-vis Commies than in 1953.

III. In Senate, Center (CD's, Liberals and Social Democrats) retained slight majority (131 out of 246).

A. The Commies and Nenni Socialists total 95.

IV. On basis final returns (from press)

Seats in lower house

	<u>1958</u>	<u>1953</u>
CD's	273	265
Commies	140	143
Nenni Soc	84	75
Demo Soc	23	19
Republicans	7	5
Liberals	16	14

Thus CD's cannot form majority government with Liberals + Republicans.

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