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4. The plans of the directors of the PSP for the period following 1 June 1948 were based upon the election of the Liberal and Democratic candidate, Dr. Ricardo Nunez-Portuondo, as President of Cuba. The directors of the PSP felt that if Nunez-Portuondo had been successful in the recent Cuban elections, the man of the hour would have been ex-President Fulgencio Batista, a great friend of theirs, and the party status would have been improved. Source stated that for this reason the PSP, before the June elections, tried to weaken the position of Carlos Prio Socarras by working on behalf of Eduardo Chibas and the Orthodox Party while secretly they were allied with the forces of Nunez-Portuondo. Prior to the June elections, Ramon Nicolau, PSP leader, made several trips to the United States to interview Fulgencio Batista. The purpose of these pre-election contacts was to fix the conditions of an alliance of the PSP with the Liberal and Democratic forces despite the fact that these parties are the most reactionary in Cuba.
5. PSP members hope to establish political union with Fulgencio Batista upon the latter's return to Cuba to assume his seat in the Cuban Senate. Reportedly, Batista has promised the leaders of the PSP to repair the present situation by means of his triumph as president in the elections which will be held in Cuba in 1952. If the election of Batista should occur in 1952, PSP members and Batista followers believe the Communists should be able to regain the direction of the workers' movement, utilizing fear and official favors in order to hasten the arrival of political support. [REDACTED] the leaders of the PSP, 25X1X for these reasons, even though they are problematical, tell militants at the various meetings that Batista is going to play a very lively role in the Cuban Senate.
6. The PSP believes in Batista's promise to create a united opposition movement and to organize a great party in which the Communists would have a predominate role in spite of numerical deficiencies. The PSP feels that it would be useful to Batista because of its combativeness and its organs of propaganda.

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[REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the leaders of the PSP seem to give 25X1X little consideration to the effects of international affairs on this program nor do they give any consideration to the possible measures which President Carlos Prio Socarras will take against them. By following the course outlined above, it is believed that the PSP will liquidate itself.)