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1. Although this estimate recognized that many French citizens were dissatisfied with the Fourth Republic, it concluded: "we do not think that there is any immediate prospect that the Republic will be overthrown. The Communist do not now have the capability, and the extreme right lacks leaders, followers and a program. Government as usual will probably continue".

2. The basic reason for this erroneous conclusion was our belief that the Armed Forces would not assist in an overthrow of the Fourth Republic.

3. The error in the conclusion "that government as usual will probably continue" was reflected in other judgments contained in the estimate.

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