- I. Provisional President Manuel Urrutia established himself in presidential palace in Havana 5. January.
  - A. Urrutia, Fidel Castro's personal choice for president, is 58 yearold former judge who gained fame under Batista by acquitting a number of
    against Batista
    youths charged with rebel activity. Strongly anti-Communist.
  - B. Urrutia's cabinet contains moderate, responsible elements, but also some unknowns.
  - 1. Prime Minister Jose Miro Cardona is very highly regarded from exile.
    - 2. Foreign Minister Roberto Agramonte is leading political and intellectual figure and former presidential candidate; regarded as pro-US and strongly anti-Communist.
    - C. Urrutia has named Fidel Castro his "delegate" to armed forces;
      Fidel will probably be top military chief and most influential figure
      in govt.
- M. Thus far, only a few indications as to new govt's policies.
  - A. Fidel Castro has often asserted his desire for friendship with US.
    - 1. However, strong bitterness developed among some rebels during revolution who convinced US assistance prolonged Batista's regime. (Actually, US stopped arms shipments last March).
  - B. Fidel's 1955 pledges to nationalize foreign investments and public utilities have not reappeared after Batista's fall.
- C. Fidel has called for division of large estates among peasants, but program vague and issued in heat of battle. He is big landowner.

  Main content of rebel speeches is strong emotional stand for political democracy.

- E. Cuba likely to become an aggressive champion of democracy in hemisphere.
  - 1. Urrutia has already condemned dictatorships in Dominican Republic (where Batista took refuge), N. caragua, and Paraguay.
  - 2. Intercepted message of 4 January from avana to Miami instructing former gunnunners for rebels to stop shipments to Cuba states: "Cuba does not need arms, but there are still dictatorships in America."
- III. New goot faces difficulty in restoring stability.
  - A. A rift between rebel groups d-layed Urrutia's establishment in palace on 5 January.
    - 1. Revolutionary Directorate, a student group which had been fighting in Les Villas province had apparently used its temporary occupation of the palace in an attempt to extract concessions force Examinary desirant 26 of July Movement in organization of new govt.
  - B. Mostpleaders of 26 of July M vement are politically inexperienced and some, including Fidel's younger brother Raul, appear irresponsible.
  - C. Difficulties will be added to by old-line politicians such as ex-President Prio.
  - D. Military appears to have been virtually totally surrendered, but many responsible professional officers are likely to resent control by young ratel leaders and in long run 25 of July Movement may have difficulty controlling military.

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- IV. Communists actively trying to exploit situation.
  - A. The 8,000-12,000 member Bopular Socialist (Communist) Party (PSP), outlawed by Batista in 1953, has strongly supported rebel movement in public statements.
    - 1. Its numerous attempts to join rebels in united front were apparently rebuffed.
    - 2. Communists are believed, however, to have infiltrated some rebel units on a low level.
    - 3. Anti-US sentiments of some rebel leaders may be exploited by Commies.
  - B. In current fervor for democracy, PSP may be re-legalized.
    - 1. However, strong anti-Communist convictions of Urrutia and some other members of new govt appearate may counter-balance.

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  B. Pobiata's r fuge to the Devinion Republic puts him in a favorable eventually position to above a complete, institute with the sid of dictator Trujillo.
- II. Thus far, only a few indications as to new gov't's policies. New regime is a product of a brilly popular revolution participated in by lower classes and the rap base implications ixpresserating on Guba's social order.

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