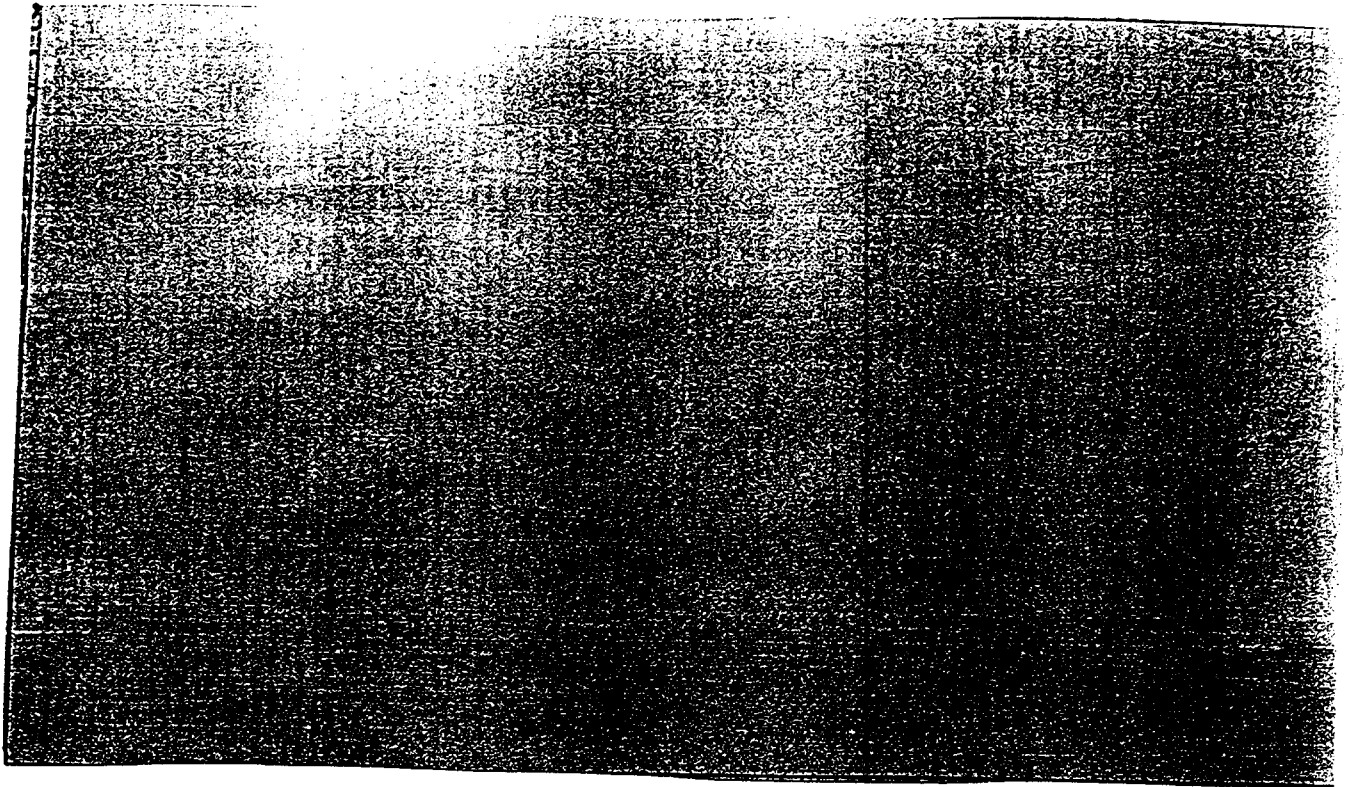


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13. Castro May Be Planning High-Level Government Changes:
Fidel Castro and the officials who run his revolutionary re-
form program are dissatisfied by the Cuban Supreme Court's
recent decisions favoring owners of expropriated properties
and by its agreement to investigate charges of mistreatment
of political prisoners. Castro is always angered by such
obstructions to his plans or authority. There is one un-
confirmed but plausible report that the compliant President
of Cuba, Osvaldo Dorticos, will be named president of the
Supreme Court in an effort to bring it more closely under
Castro's control.

The same source reported rumors that Foreign Minister
Raul Roa would be retired to the presidency and Education
Minister Armando Hart would be made foreign minister. There
is increasing evidence that extremist officials like Vice
Foreign Minister Francisco Chavarry are critical of Roa's
handling of the proposed Havana conference of underdeveloped
nations and of his choice of personnel for posts abroad, and
that they are trying to have him removed.

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Criticism of Castro's policies by Venezuelan President Betancourt and other Latin American leaders whom Roa respects apparently has discouraged Roa; and he may prefer to return to his teaching career or accept some figurehead post such as the presidency. Hart, his rumored successor, is believed to be dominated by his wife, Haydee Santamaria, and other pro-Communists influential in Cuban foreign affairs.

Continued guerrilla opposition activity in Oriente Province heightens the possibility that Castro will make some move to strengthen his control. He said on 18 April that he would make important announcements in a speech at the May Day celebrations.

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