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- 3. THE MRP WAS PRESENTLY SHORT OF ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES BUT THE POSITION WAS IMPROVING (A MILITIA CAPTAIN WAS RECENTLY SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON FOR PASSING ARMS TO THE MRP). NO HELP WHATSOEVER HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY THE INTERNAL RESISTANCE FROM THE "SOURCES IN THE UNITED STATES, WHO PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR THE INVASION". THESE SOURCES WERE STILL THINKING INEFFECTUALLY IN TERMS OF A FURTHER INVASION.
- 4. THE GENERAL ATTITUDE OF THE RESISTANCE IN CUBA TOWARDS
 THE EXILES WAS ONE OF INDIFFERENCE MOUNTING TO CONTEMPT FOR
 SPECIFIC MOVES SUCH AS THE PROPOSED PROMOTION OF A CUBAN GOVT
 IN EXILE. WHAT THE RESISTANCE WANTED WAS FUNDS AND THE RETURN,
 BY INFILTRATION, OF TRAINED EXILES, PARTICULARLY COMMUNICATION
 EXPERTS.
- 5. ON THE TIMING OF CASTRO'S OVERTHROW, RAY SAID CASTRO WOULD NOT LAST ANOTHER YEAR. HE ADDED THAT THE SITUATION IN CUBA IMMEDIATELY AFTER CASTRO'S DOWNFALL WOULD BE DANGEROUS AND COULD DEVELOP INTO A CIVIL WAR.
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