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1. As of 17 May 1961, after mass arrests of those suspected of being opposed to CASTRO, the Cuban underground consisted of the following groups: The Unidad Revolucionaria (UR),<sup>1</sup> although having some difficulty establishing contact between directing personnel and local groups, maintained about 75 per cent of its organization. It suffered most of its losses in Habana Province and was less seriously affected in Las Villas, Pinar del Rio, and Oriente Provinces. The Movimiento Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MRR) was badly disorganized, and the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MRP) was remaining quiet. Rescate and the Movimiento 30 Noviembre had small assets, which were co-operating with the UR. MOVEMENT

2. Anti-CASTRO groups had hoped that the Cuban Navy would defect as a unit, but, because of competition between two independent groups for control, nothing was accomplished. A large number of anti-CASTRO officers and men were still at liberty, but defection was difficult because the ships were carrying up to 50 militiamen. The ships are generally in bad repair because of a shortage of spare parts.

3. The peasants in general are opposed to Fidel CASTRO but are distrustful of Cuban exile efforts to overthrow CASTRO from abroad. The peasants will follow their local leaders when both they and their leaders are convinced that a big change is about to occur.

4. During the month after the invasion attempt on 17 April, the UR lost about 20 tons of arms and other military supplies but still had enough arms for about 400 men.<sup>2</sup>

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1. The UR is a unity organization of internal opposition groups. In December 1960 Declaration of Principles and Programs of the UR was signed

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[redacted] arms and ammunition of the underground are believed to have remained safely hidden. [redacted]  
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