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Cuba: Opposition to the Castro regime, still largely unorganized, is increasing as Castro continues to reveal authoritarian tendencies.

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Former Castro Supporters Urge US Not to Support Him

{A number of Cubans, most of them disillusioned former supporters of Fidel Castro, have urged through the US Embassy that Cuba not be offered financial assistance as a result of Castro's US visit, which is to begin on 15 April. They are alarmed at the regime's anti-US orientation and the influence of the Communists on the government, and are concerned over the critical economic situation resulting from the regime's recent unsound "reform" measures. They express the belief that US assistance would only postpone the economic breakdown, and that the longer this was delayed the more deeply consolidated the Communists would become.]

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[tending more and more to the belief that Castro may, in fact, be a Communist himself. While there is no proof that he is a member of the Communist party, it is clear that the Communists have made significant gains since Castro came to power last January and that Communists or pro-Communists are among his aides.]

{Meanwhile, Castro's speeches increasingly reveal his authoritarian temperament and his near-obsession with "enemies of the revolution." On 9 April he blasted those Cubans who have been suggesting that it is time to prepare for eventual national elections. He declared that elections would not be held "until the revolution is consolidated"--which he evidently defines as the completion of a program that would require many years.]

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