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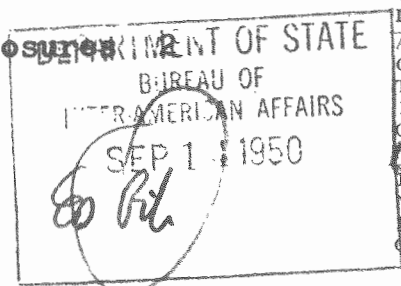
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SUBJECT : COMPOSITION OF NEW CUBAN CONGRESS

The first ordinary session of the twenty-third congressional period of the Cuban legislature is scheduled to open on September 18, 1950. Although the Supreme Electoral Tribunal has not as yet issued an official list of the legislators elected on June 1, it has been possible, from unofficial sources, to establish with some certainty the composition of the two houses of the new Congress.

Senate:

The fifty-four members of the Senate are believed to be divided into the following political groups:

- Autenticos. . . . . 24
- Liberales . . . . . 9
- Republicanos. . . . . 6
- Demócratas . . . . . 6
- Independientes. . . . . 3
- Grauistas . . . . . 3
- Republicano Gubernamental 1
- Ortodoxo. . . . . 1
- Unitario. . . . . 1

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The names of the Senators by political affiliation are attached as enclosure No. 1.

At present it would appear that the Government can count on 31 of the 54 votes (24 Autenticos, 6 Demócratas, 1 Republicano Gubernamental). Although the remaining 23 must all be included in the opposition, they nevertheless break down into several groups because of their different ideologies and party alignments. Voting by this opposition may vary considerably, depending on the issue.

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First Group:

Republicanos .....	6
Grauistas .....	3
Unitarios .....	<u>1</u>
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Second Group:

Ortodoxos .....	1
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Third Group:

Independientes ....	3
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Fourth Group:

Liberales .....	9
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Since there is a split within the Liberal Party between a group favoring collaboration with the Administration and another preferring to remain entirely in the opposition, and since there is a possibility that the Ortodoxos may gain two more adherents in Senators Pelayo CUERVO and Federico FERNANDEZ Casas (now listed as Independents), the numerical strength of the foregoing opposition groups may change. Also, should there be a reconciliation between PRIO and GRAU, the three so-called "Grauistas" would probably be integrated in the Government forces.

House of Representatives:

The 136 representatives comprising the membership of the lower house are believed divided politically as follows:

Autenticos.....	56
Liberales .....	18
Demócratas .....	15
Ortodoxos .....	14
Republicanos .....	14
Socialistas (Communists)..	8
Independientes .....	6
Unitarios .....	<u>5</u>
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Using the same basis as that utilized in determining the political construction of the Senate, and placing the Socialistas (Communists) in the opposition, the Government can be considered as having a total voting strength of 72 (56 Autenticos and 16 Demócratas). Again, however, there probably will not be a solid opposition vote on many issues,

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thereby increasing the effectiveness of the Administration's majority.

Twenty-seven representatives reelected on June 1 will serve four-year terms until 1954. Twenty-nine new members elected on June 1 will serve two-year terms ending in September 1952. The terms of the remaining 70 members also terminate in 1952. A chart of the membership of the lower house indicating both political affiliation and election dates is given below:

	<u>PRC</u>	<u>PD</u>	<u>PR</u>	<u>PL</u>	<u>PAU</u>	<u>PSP</u>	<u>PPC</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Reelected	12	5	3	3	1	1	2	0	27
New	15	4	4	3	3	3	7	0	39
Remaining	<u>29</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>70</u>
	56	16	14	18	5	7	14	6	136

The complete list of the members of the new House of Representatives is attached as enclosure No. 2 to this despatch.

Taking the foregoing figures as a basis, the PRC (A) lost one seat in the House; the PD gained 5 (principally through its coalition with the Government); the PR lost 6; the PL lost 3; the PAU gained 3; the PPC gained 5; and the PSP ended up with the same number of seats it had in the previous Congress.

Only two senatorial seats were disputed. In the one the PPC gained a seat through the election of CHIBAS over Virgilio PEREZ (PRC) in the race for the post vacated through the death of Miguel ALEMAN (PRC). In the other race, the PRC gained a seat as Inocente ALVAREZ won out in the voting for the post formerly held by José Manuel CASANOVA (PL).

For the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim:

*Henry A. Hoyt*

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Second Secretary of Embassy.

Enclosures:

1. Names of Senators
2. Members of House of Representatives

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MEMBERS OF THE CUBAN SENATE IN THE  
TWENTY-THIRD CONGRESSIONAL PERIODPARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO CUBANO - PRC (A)Pinar del Rio Province:

Lomberto DIAZ Rodriguez  
Octavio RIVERO Partagas  
Rogelio REGALADO Rodriguez  
Francisco PRIO Socarras  
Alberto Inocente ALVAREZ

La Habana Province:

Felix LANCIS Sanchez  
Nestor CARBONELL Andricain

Matanzas Province:

Diego Vicente TEJERA Rescalvo  
Hector PAGES Canton  
Ruben MENDIOLA Arana  
Sergio H. ARCE Garcia  
Prisciliano BECQUER Piedra

Las Villas Province:

Miguel A. SUAREZ Fernandez  
Porfirio PENDAS Garra  
Manuel CAPESTANY Abreu  
Aniceto CABEZA

Camagüey Province

Manuel Antonio de VARONA Loredo  
Alejandro ARMENGOL Vera  
Manuel R. ALVAREZ Bacallao  
Arturo HERNANDEZ Tellaeché

Oriente Province:

Ruben de LEON Garcia  
Armando CODINA Subirats  
Eusebio MUJAL Barniol  
Luis BAIRE Llopiz

PARTIDO LIBERAL - PLLa Habana Province:

Alfredo HORNEDO Suarez  
Rafael GUAS Inclan

Matanzas Province:

Carlos Miguel de CESPEDES Ortiz  
Ricardo CAMPANERIA Valdes

Las Villas Province:

Eduardo SUAREZ Rivas

Camagüey Province:

Ramon ZAYDIN Marquez Sterling  
Manuel Eduardo ZAYAS Bazan

Oriente Province:

Arturo INFANTE Maldonado  
Juan Antonio VINENT Griñán

PARTIDO REPUBLICANO - PRLa Habana Province:

José Ambrosio CASABUENA Miranda

Matanzas Province:

Santiago VERDEJA Neyra

Las Villas Province:

Santiago C. REY Pernas

Camagüey Province:

Antonio AGUILAR Recio  
Octavio PARDO Machado

Oriente Province:

Ramon CORONA Garcia

PARTIDO DEMOCRATA - PDPinar del Rio Province:

Manuel PEREZ Galan  
Simeon FERRO Martinez

Matanzas Province:

José Manuel TARAFÁ Govin

Las Villas Province:

José R. ANDREU Martinez  
Antonio MARTINEZ Fraga

Camagüey Province:

José Enrique BRINGUIER Laredo

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PARTIDO DEL PUEBLO CUBANO - PPC

La Habana Province:

Eduardo R. CHIBAS Ribas

INDEPENDIENTES

Pinar del Rio Province:

Pedro BLANCO Torres

Oriente Province:

Pelayo CUERVO Navarro  
Federico FERNANDEZ Casas

GRAUISTAS

Pinar del Rio Province:

German ALVAREZ Fuentes

La Habana Province:

Francisco GRAU Alsina  
Carlos F. ARAZOZA Forcade

REPUBLICANO GUBERNAMENTAL

Oriente Province:

José ALBERNI Yance

PARTIDO ACCION UNITARIO - PAU

Las Villas Province:

Fulgencio BATISTA Zaldivar

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MEMBERS OF THE CUBAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
IN THE TWENTY-THIRD CONGRESSIONAL PERIODPARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO CUBANO - PRC (A)Pinar del Rio Province:

Reelected: Cesar RIVERO PARTAGAS  
Newly elected: Francisco MOLINA  
Terms not expired: Ramon ALVAREZ Rodriguez,  
Carlos REGALADO Rodriguez

La Habana Province:

Reelected: Segundo CURTI Messina  
Noel del PINO  
Luis PEREZ Espinos  
Newly elected: Gerardo PEREZ Perez  
Edgardo BUTTARI Puig  
Armando DA'LAMA Almeida  
Terms not expired: Antonio FERNANDEZ Macho  
Pablo GARCIA Perez  
Menelao MORA Morales  
Manuel LOPEZ Lourido  
Vicente LAGO Pereda  
Florencio NIBOT Navarro  
Pedro VILLALOBOS

Matanzas Province:

Newly elected: Jesus TEJERA Rescalvo  
Bruno Manuel MARTELL  
Terms not expired: Sergio M. MEGIAS Perez  
Orestes ARENAL del Castillo  
Cesar M. CASAS

Las Villas Province:

Reelected: Eduardo LOPEZ Deustua  
Mario COBAS Reyes  
Alicia HERNANDEZ de la Barca  
Newly elected: Manuel GWILLOT Benitez  
Antonio FUENTES Rodriguez  
Nicanor COLINA Jauregui  
Terms not expired: Jesus VILLA Suarez  
Teodoro M. TEJEDA Setien  
Rafael del BUSTO  
Gilberto LEYVA Hernandez  
Arnaldo AGUILERA Martinez

Camaguey Province:

Newly elected: José Antonio NUÑEZ Carballo  
Pablo MARTINEZ Carvajal  
Prisciliano COLLOT Perez

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Terms not expired: Salvador ACOSTA Casares  
Antonio M. CARBONELL Alsina  
Emilio SURI Castilla  
Manuel RAMIREZ Sibello

Oriente Province:

Reelected: Fidel PINO Santos  
Eugenio CUSIDO Torres  
Guillermo SERRANO Muñoz  
Ruben Alonso ALVAREZ  
Francisco CAIROL

Newly elected: Regla PRIO Socarras  
Emilio BUSTILLO Jaime  
Angel Guillermo LOPEZ Rojas

Terms not expired: Mario J. PINO  
Alberto SANCHEZ Perez  
Luis F. CAÍÑAS Milanés  
Rolando MASFERRER Rojas  
Angelica ROJAS Garces  
Rodrigo LOMINCHAR  
Enrique C. HENRIQUEZ  
Salvador ESTEVA Lora

PARTIDO DEMOCRATA - PD

Pinar del Rio Province:

Reelected: Angel M. FERRO  
Newly elected: Gustavo PORTA Capote  
Terms not expired: Roberto ORTEGA Zuazo  
Pablo URQUIAGA Barberena  
Luis A. del COLLADO Diaz

La Habana Province:

Newly elected: Carlos Manuel PELAEZ

Matanzas Province:

Reelected: Roman NODAL Jimenez

Las Villas Province:

Reelected: José R. CAMEJO  
Newly elected: Pedro MARTINEZ Fraga  
Terms not expired: Luis Salvador MARTI Hernandez  
Joaquin PEDRAZA  
Pastor del RIO

Camagüey Province:

Reelected: Wilfredo FIGUERAS Gonzalez

Oriente Province:

Reelected: Lincoln RODON Alvarez  
Terms not expired: Rafael BENITEZ Quevedo

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PARTIDO REPUBLICANO - PRPinar del Rio Province:

Reelected: Ernesto PEREZ Carrillo  
 Terms not expired: Manuel BENITEZ Valdes

La Habana Province:

Reelected: Benito REMEDIOS Langaney  
 Newly elected: Antonio ACOSTA Borges  
 Terms not expired: Adelaida Oliva ROBAINA

Matanzas Province:

Newly elected: Francisco RABELO Bericiarto  
 Terms not expired: José Jacinto TRASANCOS

Las Villas Province:

Reelected: Alberto ARAGONES  
 Terms not expired: Mario ROBAU Cartaya  
 Manuel ORIZONDO Caraballe

Oriente Province:

Newly elected: Vicente MARTINEZ Odio  
 Victor DEROUX  
 Terms not expired: Arturo ILLAS Cuza  
 José N. MILANES Tamayo

PARTIDO SOCIALISTA POPULAR - PSPLa Habana Province:

Reelected: Lazaro PEÑA  
 Newly elected: Blas ROCA Calderio  
 Terms not expired: Anibal ESCALANTE Dellunde  
 Segundo QUINCOSA Valdes

Matanzas Province:

Newly elected: Salvador GARCIA Aguero

Las Villas Province:

Newly elected: Miguel Faustino CALCINES  
 Terms not expired: Joaquin ORDOQUI

Oriente Province:

Newly elected: Cesar VILAR Aguilar  
 Terms not expired: Esperanza SANCHEZ Mastrapa (Listed as an Independiente in the total figures used because of her recent resignation from PSP, but said to have joined the Autenticos.)

PARTIDO ACCION UNITARIA - PAULa Habana Province:

Newly elected: Carlos M. FERRETI  
 Terms not expired: Alfredo JACOMINA Lopez

Las Villas Province:

Reelected: Jorge GARCIA Montes

Oriente Province:Newly elected: Luis LIMA Delgado  
Antinogenes FERRER or Antonio DORADOPARTIDO DEL PUEBLO CUBANO - PPC (O)La Habana Province:Newly elected: José PARDO Llada  
Manuel DORTA Duque  
Luis Orlando RODRIGUEZ  
Buenaventura DELLUNDE  
Terms not expired: Manuel BISBE Alberni  
Felix MARTINLas Villas Province:

Newly elected: Aurelio NAZARIO Sargen

Camagüey Province:Newly elected: Gerardo J. VASQUEZ  
Terms not expired: Ofelia KOURAYOriente Province:Reelected: Roberto GARCIA Ibañez  
José M. SERA Serrano  
Newly elected: Emilio OCHOA Ochoa  
Terms not expired: Alberto R. SAUMELL Soto  
Raul CABRERA del VallePARTIDO LIBERAL - PLLa Habana Province:Reelected: Alfredo IZAGUIRRE  
Terms not expired: Radio CREMATA Valdes  
Guillermo TAPIA FlurachMatanzas Province:

Terms not expired: Severiano LOPEZ Llorens

Las Villas Province:Reelected: José SUAREZ Rivas  
Terms not expired: Rene Gregorio AYALA  
Ignacio ALONSO Lorenzo  
Indalecio PERTIERRACamagüey Province:Newly elected: Cesareo GARCIA Randulfo  
Miguel PLAZA Martin  
Terms not expired: Alfredo VALDES Lopez  
Marcelino MARTINEZ Tapia

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Oriente Province:

Reelected: Cesar CAMACHO Covani  
Newly elected: Delio NUNEZ Mesa  
Terms not expired: Gonzalo NUNEZ Bettie  
Santiago GUERRERO Jimenez  
Segundo R. SERA Serrano  
Antonio FRANCO Tauler

INDEPENDIENTES

La Habana Province:

Terms not expired: Alberto CRUZ Caso  
Mario GALEOTE Carrasco  
Manuel ROMERO Padilla

Oriente Province:

Terms not expired: Ramon GRAU Alsina  
Francisco ESCOBAR Quesada  
Esperanza SANCHEZ Mastrapa (see  
also PSP)

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