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improve the facilities and believes that the public utilities should be owned and operated by private investors. NY T-1 stated that the FRD and the MRP also came to the agreement that properties illegally confiscated by the Castro Government would be returned to their rightful owners and for properties confiscated the Cuban Government would pay in bonds for twenty years at four or four and one-half per cent. NY T-1 also stated that another point of disagreement in connection with the agrarian reform is that the MRP does not approve of taxes for landowners whereas the FRD advocates a system of taxation. The FRD believes that for the first seventy-five cabs there would be free taxation and that the basis for taxation would be the value of the land placed upon it by the owners and that this would serve not only as a way of taxing the property but in the event of confiscation, the government would pay at the value designated by the owner.

NY T-1 advised that in connection with the taxation of property for all land over the first seventy-five cabs the following scale of taxation would be used:

100 to 200 cabs	- one per cent of land value,
200 to 300 cabs	- two per cent of land value,
300 to 400 cabs	- three per cent of land value,
400 to 500 cabs	- four per cent of land value,
500 to	- five per cent of land value.

NY T-1 stated that a majority of the people believed that the period immediately after Fidel Castro's overthrow will be a very serious and deciding era in the history of Cuba and since it is so important, they feel that a strong president is needed during the interim between Castro's downfall and the period of re-election.

NY T-2, on March 4, 1961, advised that the discussions between the MRP and the FRD were concluded, and there was not much hope for agreement between the two groups. NY T-2 stated that he had spoken with Manuel Artime Buesa, and Artime had informed him that the MRP wanted to maintain relations with the Soviet

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