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After seizing Reid, rebel forces and politicians took over the Palace (with several known communists among them, it was later learned). They reached agreement on an interim government headed by a moderate PRD leader, José Rafael Molina Ureña, and called for the return of Bosch. (As former President of the National Assembly, Molina Ureña was third in succession to the Presidency under the previous Bosch Government.) A rebel-controlled radio announced the return to constitutionality under Bosch.

d. US Attitude on the Return of Bosch

The Embassy and the Department had misgivings about an effort by Bosch to return to complete his term of office by force of arms and without new elections. The Department was concerned that Bosch would be unable to recognize or cope with a communist danger. However, the Embassy informed the Department by telephone that "the PRD wave was very strong" and that the United States probably could not stop Bosch from returning even if it tried. No attempt was

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*Should say that Bosch  
was in San Juan.*