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- Rogelio Cisneros Diez was born in Camaguey where he spent most of his life. He obtained his degree as a physical education teacher through Oscar Ibarra. He founded the Cisneros School, located in the Plaza de la Caridad, Camaguey, which became very profitable. Cisneros always lived comfortably but was never rich.
- Cisneros fought against the Batista regime and became the last provincial coordinator of the 26th of July Movement for Canaguey. Then Castro's Revolutionary Covernment took over Cuba, Cisneros wanted to become provincial governor; however, Captain Lester Delgado was appointed instead. In spite of this Cisneros still supported the present Government by spreading propaganda through the newspaper Adelante, the official organ of the 26th of July Movement in Camaguey, and through radio stations, particularly the ones which were confiscated by the Castro regime.
- He was a personal friend of Dr. Urrutia, Major Hubert Matos, and Dr. Rufo Lopez Fresquet. In 1959 he had a falling out with Matos who publicly called Cisneros a cheap politician.
- In 1960 he joined the Movimiento de Recuperación Revolucionario (MRR - Revolutionary Recovery Movement) in its fight against Communism. He was brought into this organization by Maria Antonia Garcia, Jose Lopez Franco, and Rogelio Gonzalez Corzo, aka Francisco, who was later executed. Cisneros left the MRR because he was not able to obtain the position of second in command.

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- 5. He then began associating with Manuel Ray Rivero and the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MRP Revolutionary Movement of the People) and became the national coordinator of this organization. He fought with the underground forces in Cuba for a year and a half, during which time he was arrested twice but held only for a few days.
- 6. He is now in exile in Yiami and is still close to Ray. He does not work; it is believed that Ray, who is in Puerto Rico, gives him financial assistance. Recently he visited the Dominican Republic, and he is now planning trips to Venezuela and other Central American countries.