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I have just learned from some of my Cuban friends that the days of the Democratic Revolutionary Front are numbered and that new political alignments are going to appear. Specifically, Miguel Cardona is going to go to Cuba and head up a "government in being" inside Cuba (this jibes with recent newspaper dispatches to that effect) and that he is also going to act as a "co-ordinator" between the "left-wing" forces of Rufio Lopez Presquet and the "right-wing" forces of Antonio de Varona. The initiative for this shift in alignments, the purpose of which is to end what is regarded as fruitless bickering among exiled Cubans and to set up an actual government within Cuba, is said to have come from Rufio. Incidentally, Rufio is drinking even more heavily than usual and is absolutely incapable of keeping his mouth shut about anything.

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