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During November 1959 several members of the Cuban Movimiento Democrata Cristiano (MDC, Christian Democratic Movement) visited Peru, Chile, Brazil, and Venezuela in an attempt to obtain support for the formation of the MDC in Cuba. The Cuban situation was discussed with top Government leaders in each country, all of whom expressed official opposition to the present Cuban regime. They worried about the spread of the influence of Fidel CASTRO, and some were fearful that he was gaining support within the masses in their own countries. They all expressed the desire that CASTRO be contained within Cuba. From a personal standpoint, however, each government leader, without exception, was delighted with CASTRO's antics, and said that it was a personal gratification to see someone so preoccupy the United States Government.

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