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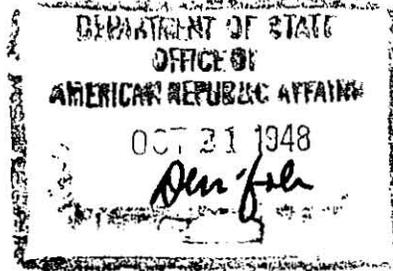
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On October 14, 1948 President Prio appointed Luis Gustavo FERNANDEZ Administrator of Customs of Habana replacing Eduardo Sanchez Alfonso.

Fernandez has been Prio's private secretary for many years and was, during Prio's holding of the portfolio of Prime Minister, an official of the Prime Minister's office. He is obviously being given this lucrative post in reward for many years' faithful but possibly penurious service.

Fernandez was born in Habana February 20, 1911 and graduated at the University of Habana in Diplomatic and Consular Law. He was involved in anti-Machado activities in the early 1930's and was a founder of the Auténtico Party.

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