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This morning's press reports that Interim President of the ABC Party Jorge MANACH, in company with Party Senator Pedro LOPEZ Dorticos and Representative Enrique LLANSO Ordóñez, called on President last night to deliver letter from Dr. Joaquin MARTINEZ Sáenz, who is still in United States following assassination of his son, tendering his resignation as Minister without portfolio, to which position he was appointed on January 21 this year. Text of resignation has not been published but press reports are to effect that Martínez Sáenz resigned because of deep grief over loss of son, dissatisfaction with minor role in Government assigned him as Minister without portfolio, dissatisfaction with failure of Administration to fulfill supposed promise to give Vice Presidency of House to an ABC, and as implied threat that Party may withdraw its Administration support in Congress unless it is given a more important ministerial post.

The press also reports that President accepted resignation and gave ABC leaders to understand that Ministry without portfolio remained open to ABC's pending their choice of new candidate for the post.

Manach informed press that National Committee of ABC Party would meet November 19 to decide situation.

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