

Ellis Rubin, Miami attorney, has appeared as counsel to Miami WG Cubans. He also appeared on CBS-TV AM News today in a liberal role, forecasting that unless the racist policies of a religious school were ended segregation would return. What I find unusual is not that a liberal attorney would represent anti-liberal clients but that these extremists of the right would be content with, indeed would seek out, a lawyer who of all available lawyers, hold views to which they are violently opposed. Right-wing Cubans need not be anti-black because Cuba has a different race attitude. But it is not probable that Rubin holds these kinds of views on race and no other views of similar political orientation. Thus I find myself wondering how he came to represent the Miami Cubans and how they came to accept him. It seems too unnatural, even if locally Rubin enjoys an excellent reputation as a criminal lawyer. One possible conjecture is that Rubin has connections that the Cubans find acceptable. They have to have some reason for overcoming political antipathy. It seems apparent they would have political objection to Rubin and that they have overcome it. For them in particular this seems too unnatural. HW 3/21/74