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1. It is widely believed in Santiago that the death of former MIR leader Luciano Cruz Aguayo on 14 August 1971 was not accidental. It is also thought that he did not commit suicide, as some "low-level" party officials have implied in an apparent effort to connect his death with that of his girlfriend, a French-born sociology professor at the University of Concepcion. She reportedly also asphyxiated herself two days after his death, in the same manner in which Cruz died.
2. Although it is not clear exactly who may have been responsible for the death of Cruz, many think that it was related to his close association with Max Marambio. Since Marambio's expulsion from the MIR because of his "disgraceful treatment" of a Chilean naval officer's son at Vina del Mar (while serving as a presidential bodyguard), he and those who were close to him have been considered "political liabilities" to President Allende.
3. Many Chileans feel that the death of Cruz is indicative of the severity of the friction not only within the MIR, but throughout the leftist parties in Chile. They also feel that it indicates the lengths to which certain elements, possibly including Allende, are willing to go to eliminate opposition.

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