

SUBJ: DIA DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE NOTICE (DIN) (U)

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CUBA: MORE ADVISORS TO ETHIOPIA? (U)

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CUBANA (CUBAN CIVIL AIRLINE) PLANE LANDED IN MONROVIA

ON 31 JULY. THE AIRCRAFT HAD STOPPED THERE FOR REFUELING

AFTER IT HAD BEEN DIVERTED FORM FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE,

REGULARLY SERVICED BY CUBANA, BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER.

DURING THE REFUELING STOP THE THREE-MAN CREW REVEALED THAT

. (b)(3):50 USC 3024(i),(b) (3):10 USC 424 Last page redacted in full IAW FOIA b3 and b6 exemptions. Page not included.

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THEY WE RE ALLEGEDLY EN ROUTE TO KAMPALA, UGANDA. THE PLANE CARRIED APPROXIMATELY FIFTY PASSENGERS WHO WERE DESCRIBED AS BEING "WELL DRESSED MEN AND WOMEN WHO LOOKED LIKE TECHNICIANS AND PROFESSIONALS." EEFORE DEPARTURE, THE CUBANA CAPTAIN REPORTEDLY INDICATED THAT SEVERAL OTHER FLIGHTS WERE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST AND THAT A FORMAL REQUEST WOULD PROBABLY BE MADE TO USE MONROVIA AS AN ALTERNATE REFUELING STOP.

DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS THERE HAVE
BEEN NUMEROUS REPORTS THAT CUBAN ADVISORS ARE IN UGANDA.
HOWEVER, THESE CLAIMS APPEAR TO BE SPECULATION AND ARE
UNSUBSTANTIATED. THE 50 CUBANS TRANSITTING LIRERIA WERE
MORE LIKELY ON THEIR WAY TO ETHIOPIA. THERE IS LIMITED
UNCONFIRMED REPORTING THAT THE KAMPALA ROUTE HAS BEEN
USED FOR CUBAN FLIGHTS TO ADDIS ABABA. MOREOVER, FIDEL
CASTRO ANNOUNCED IN LATE JULY THAT ADDITIONAL CUBAN
MEDICAL PERSONNEL WOULD SOON BE GOING TO ETHIOPIA.
CURRENTLY, WE ESTIMATE THAT THERE ARE 50 CUBAN MEDICAL
AND 50 MILITARY ADVISORS WORKING IN EHTIOPIA.