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CUBA: PERCEPTIONS OF RAPPROCHEMENT WITH THE US. (U) UNITED STATES

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1. ~~(S//NOFORN//WNINTEL)~~ CUBA, WHILE HOPEFUL THE US WILL MAKE GOOD ON ITS STATEMENT THAT NO PREC ONDITIONS **REC-37** FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS AIMED AT REESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, NONETHELESS ARE REPORTEDLY CONFUSED BY WASHINGTON'S RECENT STATEMENTS. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT WANTS A DEFINITE SIGNAL THAT WASHINGTON WANTS TO TALK. THESE REMARKS

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REFLECT HAVANA'S CONTINUING PERCEPTION THAT THE US IS DESIROUS TO END THE BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT.

2. ~~(S//NOFORN//WNINTEL)~~ CUBAN LEADERS ARE REPORTEDLY CLAIMING THAT THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS ON CUBAN FISHING RIGHTS WITHIN US TERRITORIAL WATERS ARE MERELY TECHNICAL AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS BEING A CHANNEL FOR FURTHER TALKS ON COMMON ISSUES.

3. ~~(S//NOFORN//WNINTEL)~~ PERHAPS THE MOST GRAPHIC SIGNAL IN THE EYES OF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE A PARTIAL LISTING OF THE TRADE EMBARGO, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF FOODSTUFFS AND MEDICINES. TRADITIONALLY, HAVANA HAS PLACED THE TERMINATION OF THAT EMBARGO AT THE HEAD OF THEIR OWN LIST OF DEMANDS TO BE MET BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS COULD START.

4. ~~(S//NOFORN//WNINTEL)~~ CUBAN PERCEPTIONS OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, SHOULD IT BEGIN, REFLECT AWARENESS THAT THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL NOT DISAPPEAR IN SHORT ORDER. RATHER, HAVANA BELIEVES THAT THE RAPPROCHEMENT WITH THE US WILL BE A LONG, DRAWN-OUT PROCESS. STILL, CUBA PROBABLY UNDERSTANDS

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THAT THE PROCESS IS OF BENEFIT TO THE COUNTRY, SEEING ITS COM-
MENCEMENT AS "PRIMA FACIE" EVIDENCE THAT THE US RECOGNIZES
THE LEGITIMACY OF THE SOCIALIST-STYLE GOVERNMENT IN POWER.

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