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CUBAN PERCEPTIONS OF RAPPROCHEMENT WITH THE US. (U)

1. (NOFORN/UNINTEL) CUBA, WHILE HOPEFUL THE US WILL MAKE
   GOOD ON ITS STATEMENT THAT NO PRECONDITIONS REQ 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/NOFOR/N/WHINTEL)** 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/NOFOR/N/WHINTEL)** 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/NOFOR/N/WHINTEL)** 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
THAT THE PROCESS IS OF BENEFIT TO THE COUNTRY, SEEING ITS COMMENCEMENT AS "PRIMA FACIE" EVIDENCE THAT THE US RECOGNIZES THE LEGITIMACY OF THE SOCIALIST-SHİE GOVERNMENT IN POWER.