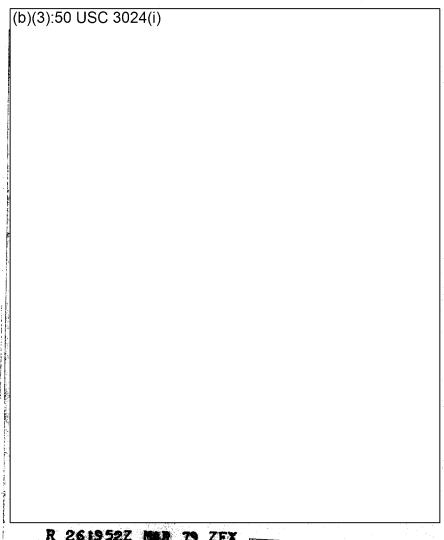


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AN ADVANCE SYNOPSIS OF THE HARD-COPY VERSION, WHICH IS BEING
"HED TODAY.

THE RECENT ARRIVAL OF A FOXTROT-CLASS DIESEL-POWERED TORPEDO
ATTACK SUBMARINE AND TWO TURY A-CLASS HYDROFOIL PATROL BOATS
MAY MARK THE START OF A NEW PROGRAM TO UPGRADE THE CUBAN NAVY.
THE NAVY IS THE SMALLEST AND LEAST EQUIPPED OF CUBA'S ARMED
FORCES. SINCE THE LATE 1960S, THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE HAVE RECEIVED
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RECENT YEARS, THIS PREFERENCIAL TREATMENT WAS GIVEN IN ORDER
TO REWARD AND TRAIN MEMBERS OF BOTH OF THESE SERVICES FOR OPERATIONS
IN ANGOLA AND ETHIOPIA. THE HAVY HAS HAD ALMOST NO ROLE IN
CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. ITS LARGEST VESSELS ARE SUBMARINE
CHASERS, WHICH ARE PRINCIPLY USED IN COASTAL DEFENSE, WITH OPERATIONS AND PATROLS RESTRICTED TO NEIGHBORING WATERS. (CLASSIFIED
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