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1. (U) IN INCREASING ITS ECONOMIC RESOURCES ZONE TO
203 NAUTICAL MILES ON 28 FEBRUARY -- FOLLOWING THE
LEAD OF THE US AND MEXICO -- HAVANA HAS PROFESSED A
WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE COMMON PROBLEMS ARISING OVER
TERRITORIALITY WITH STATES WHOSE ZONES OVERLAP THOSE
OF CUBA. THIS IS A SIGN THAT THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT

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UNDERSTANDS THE SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACT THE NEW LMITS WILL HAVE.

- CAIMS EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO EXPLORATION, EXPLOITATION, CONSERVATION, AND ADMINISTRATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES. HOWEVER, WITH THE US AND MEXICAN GOVERNMENTS HAVING EXTENDED THE SAME 200-MILE LIMIT FROM THEIR SHORES, CUBA STANDS TO LOSE MUCH OF ITS TRADITIONAL FISHING GROUNDS, INCLUDING THE LUCRATIVE SHELLFISHING OFF FLORIDA AND TEXAS AND THE CAMPECHE ZONE CLAIMED BY MEXICO.
- CAMPECHS WATERS, WHILE 193-15% BOATS HAVE NORMALY WORKED THE FLORIDA AND TEXAS ZONES. CUEA HAS BECOME A MAJOR FISHING NATION. IN 1976, FOR EXAMPLE, IT EXPORTED SHELLFISH AMOUNTING TO SOME \$6% MILLION IN HARD-CURRENCY EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR AMOUNTED TO ABOUT \$6%% MILLION. THUS, ABOUT ONE-TENTH

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OF ITS FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEPENDS ON SHELLFISH. MOST OF THOSE TAKEN WERE IN WATERS NOW WITHIN THE US ECONOMIC ZONE.

HAVANA HAS SENT ITS OCEAN-GOING FACTORY

SHIPS AS FAR AWAY AS ANGQLA. EVEN THOUGH AT LEAST 30

TO 50 CUBAN FISHING BOATS NOW OPERATE ALONG THE ANGOLAN

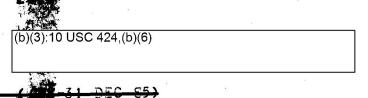
COAST AND BRING IN A SIZABLE CATCH, NO SIGNIFICANT

AMOUNTS OF SHELLFISH ARE CAUGHT THERE.

5. (U) CUBAN OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED A WILLINGNESS
TO NEGOTIATE WITH THOSE NATIONS -- PRESUMABLY MEXICO AND
THE US - WHOSE NEW LIMITS EXCLUDE THE CUBAN FISHING
FLEET. CUBAN RADIO MADE CLEAR THAT HAVANA IS READY TO
INITIATE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON MATTERS OF "RIGHTS"
THAT COULD ARISE. GIVEN THE POOR STATE OF THE COUNTRY'S
ECONOMY CAUSED BY RECENT SUGAR PRICE DROPS AND RESULTANT
AUSTERITY MEASURES ON CONSUMERS, PRESIDENT CASTRO WILL
UNDOUBTEDLY MOVE WITH DISPATCH TO REGAIN SOME OF THE LOST
FISHING GROUNDS. THESE LIMITS WERE IMPOSED BY EACH

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PAGE MATION TAID ITS DOMESTIC FISHING INDUSTRIES, A DEVELOP-MENT THAT WILL IMPEDE CUBA'S CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE ITS OWN



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