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CUBA: MORE ADVISORS TO ETHIOPIA? (U)

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THEY WE RE ALLEGEDLY EN ROUTE TO KAMPALA, UGANDA. THE PLANE CARRIED APPROXIMATELY FIFTY PASSENGERS WHO WE RE 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.

2. (SAN OFORN) 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 UNC ONFIRMED REPORTING THAT THE KAMPALA ROUTE HAS BEEN USED FOR CUBAN FLIGHTS TO ADDIS A EA EA. MOREOVER, FIDEL CASTRO ANNOUNCED IN LATE JULY THAT ADDITIONAL CUBAN MEDICAL PERSONNEL WOULD SOON BE GOING TO ETHIOPIA. CURRENTLY, WE ESTIMATE THAT THERE ARE 90 CUBAN MEDICAL AND 50 MILITARY ADVISORS WORKING IN EHTIOPIA.