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- SUBJ: DIA DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE NOTICE (DIN) (U)
 CUBA: PRESIDENT CAS.RO TRAVELS. XÚ)
- 1. (C/NOFORN) PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO WILL MOST PROBABLY
 HEAD CUBA'S DELEGATION TO THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION DAY
 CEREMONY ON 12 SEPTEMBER.
- 2. CCANDEDRAY IN A SPECIAL SHOW OF REVOLUTIONARY SOLIDARITY,
 PRESIDENT CASTRO WILL MOST PROBABLY DEPART HAVANA ON 11
 SEPTEMBER, ALONG WITH OTHER HIGH-RANKING CUBAN DIGNITARIES,
 TO ATTEND THE CELEBRATIONS IN ADDIS ABABA WHICH COMMEMORATE
 CHIEF OF STATE MENGISTU'S COMING TO POWER. THE TRIP HAS

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NOT BEEN FORMALLY ANNOUNCED IN HAVANA, BUT IT HAS BEEN RUMORED FOR SEVERAL DAYS IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IN BOTH HAVANA AND ADDIS ABABA. GEN RAUL CASTRO HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM THE PUBLIC SCENE IN CUBA FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS, AND IT IS PROBABLE THAT HE HAS PRECEDED HIS BROTHER TO ETHIOPIA TO MAKE FINAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.

- 3. (C/NOFORN) THE CEREMONIES WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF GRATITUDE FOR THE ASSISTANCE GIVEN THE ETHIOPIANS BY THE CUBAN MILITARY FORCE, AND THERE MAY BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF A CUBAN TROOP DRAWDOWN. THE CUBAN AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS MAY ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THEIR FUTURE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO ETHIOPIA AND OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS.
- 4. (C/NOFORN) SINCE PRESIDENT CASTRO DOES NOT TE

AVEL OUTSIDE

OF CUBA OFTEN, HE MAY TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT ANGOLA AND OTHER NATIONS.

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