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1. AMLASH ONE UNWARE IF SOVIETS STILL CONTROL YIUN
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 BUT OFFICIAL COMMENTS HE HAS HEARD INDICATE CUBANS IN CONTROL
 AND ARE EXPERIENCING MANY PROBLEMS WITH RESPECT MAINTENANCE ES
 PECIALY ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS. SOVIETS MAY STILL BE PROVIDING

TECHNICAL ADVISERS BUT NUMBERS OF MILITARY NOTICEABLE REDUCED DURING PAST YEAR.

2. RUMORS OFTEN HEARD CUBA HAS MISSILES ABLE REACH U.S. AMLASH ONE DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANY FACT TO THESE RUMORS AS HE NEVER HEARD SUCH A STATEMENT FROM OFFICIALS IN POSITION TO KNOW. THIS INCLUDES AMLASH ONE GOOD FRIEND ^{Pedro} ENRIQUE ^{del Pital} OROPESA, CHIEF CUBAN ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNITS.

3. AMLASH ONE HAS HEARD NOTHING FROM CUBAN MILITARY OFFICERS CONCERNING SUBMARINE BASES IN CUBA, OR NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS BEING INTRODUCED. THE WEAPONS ARRIVING ARE REPLACEMENTS OR MORE OF SAME. AMOUNT AMMUNITION EXPENDED BY CUBAN ARMY IS HIGH BECAUSE OF NUMEROUS MILITARY EXERCISES ENGAGED IN BY CUBAN ARMY. CASTRO ENCOURAGES THIS ACTIVITY IN ORDER KEEP OFFICERS AND ^{mf} ~~MAN~~ BUSY AND PROVIDE THEM LITTLE TIME THINK OF HARDSHIPS BEING EXPERIENCED MAINLY BY THEIR FAMILIES.

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4. AM LASH ONE UNAWARE TYPES MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ON ISLE OF PINES BUT HAS HEARD THAT MANY MILITARY EXERCISES AND MANEUVERS ARE CARRIED OUT ON THE ISLAND.

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