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TEXT: 1. [Redacted] CONSTRUCTION OF PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN HAVANA WAS VIRTUALLY PARALYZED. MOST CONSTRUCTION

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RESOURCES, BOTH IN MANPOWER AND MATERIALS, WERE DEVOTED TO PAN AMERICAN GAMES FACILITIES. REMAINING RESOURCES WENT FOR WORK ON A FEW TOURIST HOTELS. [REDACTED] THE LAST RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS, IN SANTA FE AND JAIMANITAS, HAD BEEN STOPPED AND LABORERS AND MATERIALS WERE TRANSFERRED TO PAN AMERICAN GAMES PROJECTS.

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2. RESIDENTS OF THE "LA LISA" SECTION OF HAVANA STILL DEPENDED ON CONTRABAND FOOD TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR INADEQUATE RATIONED DIET. RICE, POTATOES AND SWEET POTATOES WERE THE MOST COMMON MEAL ITEMS. CHICKEN OR FISH WAS ADDED A FEW TIMES A WEEK, DEPENDING ON RATIONED AMOUNTS, AVAILABILITY AT STORES AND CONTRABAND TRANSACTIONS. IN THEIR FREE TIME, MANY YOUNG MALES CONSUMED MEDICAL OR INDUSTRIAL ALCOHOL THEY WERE ABLE TO STEAL. THEY OFTEN COULD NOT FIND OR BUY RUM. DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1991, THERE HAD BEEN SOME PUBLIC OUTBURSTS BY CITIZENS ANGERED WITH FOOD LIMITATIONS. ALSO, CIRCA MAY 1991, THE STATUE OF JOSE MARTI IN THE THE PLAZA OF THE REVOLUTION WAS MARRED BY ANTI-FIDEL ((CASTRO)) GRAFFITI WHICH REFERRED TO FOOD SHORTAGES. WHILE MANY "LA LISA" NATIVES FELT SOME ACTION AGAINST THE REGIME WOULD BE INEVITABLE, THEY DID NOT KNOW WHO WOULD CARRY IT OUT OR WHEN IT WOULD TAKE PLACE. ALTHOUGH AN ESTIMATED 75 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION PRIVATELY OPPOSED FIDEL CASTRO, THERE WERE NO KNOWN ANTI-REGIME GROUPS FORMING.

3. MOST STUDENTS AT HAVANA'S "JOSE ANTONIO ECHEVERRIA POLYTECHNICAL INSTITUTE" IN HAVANA WERE CHAGRINED THAT THEY PROBABLY WOULD NOT GET JOBS IN THEIR DESIRED FIELDS AFTER GRADUATION.

[REDACTED] MOST OF THE 530 STUDENTS AT THE INSTITUTE WERE DEPRESSED ABOUT THEIR FUTURES.

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