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TEXT: 1. [redacted] ENGINEERS CHARGED WITH DESIGNING ARENAS FOR THE AUGUST 1991 PAN AMERICAN GAMES STRONGLY DOUBTED THAT ALL FACILITIES WOULD BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR THE GAMES. THEY BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WOULD NEITHER AFFECT THE GAMES THEMSELVES NOR BRING SAFETY PROBLEMS. SOME INTERIOR WALLS, CONTAINING WALLS, AND STAIRWAYS AT THE MAIN STADIUM WERE INCOMPLETE, AND THE VELODROME AND TENNIS AND SWIMMING CENTERS IN EAST HAVANA LACKED SOME INFRASTRUCTURE AND FOOD SERVICE ACCOMMODATIONS. ALSO, ENGINEERS ESTIMATED THAT SOME OF THE VILLAS TO LODGE ATHLETES WOULD NOT BE FULLY BUILT BY AUGUST 1991.

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2. IT DID APPEAR THAT CROWDS GOING TO THE GAMES COULD FACE A LACK OF FOOD SERVICES AND TRANSPORTATION. TO REACH THE GAMES' ARENAS IN EAST HAVANA, MOST HAVANA RESIDENTS WOULD HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA THE TUNNEL UNDER HAVANA BAY. [redacted] ENGINEERS SAID THAT THEY KNEW OF NO PLAN TO MOVE PEOPLE FROM HAVANA TO THE ARENAS. ALTHOUGH FOOD SERVICE AREAS FOR SPECTATORS MIGHT NOT BE FINISHED, THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAD RESERVED AMPLE HIGH QUALITY FOOD FOR ATHLETES.

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3. [redacted] COMMENT: [redacted] MANY CUBANS FELT THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC SITUATION MIGHT TAKE A FURTHER DOWNTURN AFTER THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES. EVEN THOUGH RECENT TIMES HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT, THEY BELIEVED PRESIDENT FIDEL ((CASTRO)) RUZ PROBABLY WAS SUSTAINING MEAGER LEVELS OF SOME PUBLIC SERVICES TO ATTEMPT TO ENSURE CIVIL TRANQUILITY LEADING UP TO THE GAMES. THIS LINE OF REASONING HAD IT THAT AFTER THE GAMES, THE BOTTOM WOULD FALL OUT OF THE ECONOMY AND THE POTENTIAL FOR UNREST, PROBABLY IN THE FORM OF SPORADIC DISTURBANCES, WOULD GO UP. AT THE SAME TIME, GIVEN CUBA'S EXTENSIVE SECURITY APPARATUS, IT WAS HARD TO IMAGINE FORMATION OF ANY EFFECTIVE ORGANIZED OPPOSITION.)

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