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Renewed Allegations of Cuban BW Threat: Cuba allegedly has the capacity of parachuting 2-pound packages of germs into the US. This volume of biological material is said to be sufficient to contaminate an area of about 1,000 (square?) miles. Selected Cuban Armed Forces personnel reportedly are being trained in germ warfare, possibly in East Germany, by the Soviets.

Comment: This is typical of allegations regarding Cuban BW capabilities in that an element of feasibility exists but the details are sufficiently nebulous to make confirmation nearly impossible. Parachute delivery is unrealistic and cast doubt upon the veracity of the entire report. It seems probable, however, that the Cubans are receiving standard CBR defensive training. This is the first suggestion that such training is being given in East Germany.

