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SUBJ: COMMUNIQUE ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH CUBA

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USIS RECORDING AND INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TV BROADCAST OF  
"COMMUNIQUE REGARDING REESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN  
PANAMA AND CUBA" FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA AND CUBA HAVE JOINTLY  
DECIDED TO REESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO  
COUNTRIES. THIS DETERMINATION IS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF  
SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, AND SELF-DETERMINATION OF NATIONS AS  
CONSECrated IN THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WHICH REGULATES  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS  
THAT THE REESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, WITHIN  
THE FRAMEWORK OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S SYSTEMS OF  
GOVERNMENTS, THE TRADITIONAL TIES OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAVE  
ALWAYS LINKED OUR PEOPLES WILL BE INCREASED. "PANAMA CONSIDERS  
THAT THE POLICY OF ISOLATION TO WHICH THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA HAS  
BEEN SUBMITTED MUST COME TO AN END; IT IS A SITUATION WHICH

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CONTRADICTS THE HIGHEST IDEALS OF CONTINENTAL SOLIDARITY. THE MEASURE ADOPTED CONSTITUTES A CLEAR REAFFIRMATION BY THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ONE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY WHICH CONSISTS IN THE RIGHT OF EACH NATION TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ANY OTHER NATION OF THE WORLD. THEREFORE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA HAS DESIGNATED A DELEGATION WHICH WILL TRAVEL TO HAVANA TOMORROW NOON, HEADED BY THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC POLICY, DR. NICOLAS ARDITO BARLETTA, WITH THE MISSION OF FORMALIZING THE REESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA.

"GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS HERRERA, DEMETRIO B. LAKAS, PRESIDENT; LIC. ARTURO SUCRE, VICE PRESIDENT; CARLOS ESPINO, PRESIDENT OF THE ASAMBLEA DE REPRESENTANTES; COL. RODRIGO GARCIA, LT. COL. FLORENCIO FLORES, LT. COL. RUBEN PAREDES, LT. COL. MANUEL ANTONIO NORIEGA, LT. COL. ARMANDO CONTRERAS, LT. COL. ARMANDO BELLIDO; THE ENTIRE CABINET AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION.

END QUOTE.  
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