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LENIENT TREATMENT MIGHT FACE DEPORTED CUBAN "UNDESIRABLES"  
HAVANA, NOV 23, REUTER - CUBAN PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO IS ON  
RECORD AS SAYING THAT MOST OF THE CUBANS IN U.S. JAILS THAT WILL  
BE RETURNED TO CUBA AS UNDESIRABLE ALIENS UNDER THE NEWLY  
RESUMED U.S.-CUBAN IMMIGRATION AGREEMENT WILL BE TREATED WITH  
LENIENCY.

WHEN THE IMMIGRATION AGREEMENT WAS OFFICIALLY SIGNED IN  
DECEMBER 1984 CASTRO SAID THAT THOSE AMONG THE 2746 CUBANS WHO  
WERE SLATED TO BE SET HOME WOULD BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO WORK AND  
TO REINTEGRATE THEMSELVES INTO CUBAN SOCIETY.

APPROXIMATELY 200 UNDESIRABLE ALIENS WERE DEPORTED TO CUBA  
FROM THE UNITED STATES BEFORE THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT SUSPENDED  
THE IMMIGRATION ACCORD IN MAY 1985 IN PROTEST AGAINST THE  
INAUGURATION OF BROADCASTS BEAMED TO CUBA BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT-  
OWNED STATION, RADIO MARTI.

A CUBAN OFFICIAL SAID THAT MOST OF THE TWO HUNDRED  
THAT WERE RETURNED "ARE NOW ON THE STREET JUST LIKE ANY OTHER CUBAN."

LAST WEEK THE U.S. AND CUBAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THE RESUMPTION  
OF THE AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH 23,000 CUBANS WILL BE ALLOWED TO  
EMIGRATE TO THE UNITED STATES ANNUALLY AND THE REMAINING 2500 CUBAN  
"UNDESIRABLES" NOW IN THE UNITED STATES WILL BE SENT HOME.

THE CUBANS WHO FACE DEPORTATION ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES  
ALONG WITH 125,000 OF THEIR COMPATRIOTS IN THE MARTEL BOATLIFT OF  
1980. MOST OF THEM HAD CRIMINAL RECORDS AND HAD BEEN IN CUBAN  
JAILS AT THE TIME OF THE DEPARTURE FOR THE UNITED STATES. DECLARED  
UNDESIRABLE ALIENS, THE CUBANS WERE PLACED IN U.S. GOVERNMENT  
DETENTION CENTERS WHILE NEGOTIATIONS WENT ON WITH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT  
TO ALLOW THEIR DEPORTATION.

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