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CBC July 26 1974 (9 PM) while Fidel speaking

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TODAY IS JULY 26- CUBAS NATIONAL HOLIDAY. FIDEL CASTRO IS NOW SPEAKING TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE XXXXXI GATHERED BEFOREHIM AND MILLIONS BY RADIO AND TELEVISION. THE CHEERS WERE FOR CASTRO'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT VENEZUELA WANTS DIPLOMATIC AND TRADE RELATIONS WITH CUBA WHICH WERE BROKEN OFF MORE THAN A DECADE AGO. HE XX XXXXXXXX TOLD THEM THAT CUBA FOR ITS PART VIEWS THAT POSSIBILITY WITH SATISFACTION. CASTRO XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX SEPCIFICALLY MENTIONED CANADA AND MEXICO AS COUNTRIES THAT HAVE MAINTAINED NORMAL RELATIONS WITH CUBA. HE SAID THAT XX PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA OF MEXICO ON HIS RECENT TRIP THROUGH LATIN AMERICA XXXXX CONDEMNED THE US SPONSORED XXXX BLOCKADE AGAINST CUBA WHEREVER HE WENT.

CASTRO ALSO POINTED TO THE IRONY THAT MANY OF THE SAME CUBAN EXILES THAT TOOK PART IN THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION, LATER PARTICIPATED IN THE WATERGATE BREAKIN AND THAT PRESIDENT NIXON WHO FAVORED THE INVASION IN AN ATTEMPT TO PUT MR CASTRO OUT OF OFFICE IS HIMSELF FACED WITH IMPEACHMENT.

THIS IS LIONEL MARTIN IN CUBA FOR CBC RADIO NEWS.

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