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havana, dec 1, reuter -- a 21-gun salute greeted a soviet naval detachment that arrived in havana harbour this morning on what the newspaper granma described as +an official visit of friendship on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of the granma landing and the day of the cuban revolutionary armed forces.+

granma was the yacht in which fidel castro and 81 of his followers made the voyage from mexico to eastern cuba in 1956 to begin the insurrection that ended in the revolutionary victory of january 1, 1959.

the detachment is made up of the anti-submarine ship admiral isakov, the navy patrol boat razvil, a submarine and a tanker, according to cuban naval sources. it is commanded by vice-admiral vladimir sergueivich, deputy chief of the soviet northern fleet.

granma said that +the visit to our country by a detachment of ships of the soviet navy is a demonstration of the unbreakable friendship that exists between the parties, governments and peoples of the soviet union and cuba, whose fraternal relations grow stronger daily.+
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