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Havana Dec 3, reuter -- the canadian assistant deputy minister of external affairs, william thomas delworth, met with cuban foreign minister isidoro malmierca here today on the second day of his official visit to cuba, a canadian embassy official said.

the official described mr delworth's visit as +one of familiarisation.+

in mid-november mr delworth met in port au prince, haiti, with canadian ambassadors stationed in latin america.

he arrived in cuba from central america thursday night and will return to ottawa on sunday.

tomorrow, the embassy source said, the canadian external affairs official will be the guest of the city of havana and is expected to visit historial sights, including the city museum.

Last month at the museum, the canadian ambassador in havana and a representative of the cuban government commemorated the anniversary of the execution in 1873 by the spaniards of william ryan, a canadian who fought for the independence of cuba,

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