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havapa, aug 2, reuter -- more than one third of cuba's
ten million population have expressed their willingness to donate
their bodies after death for the purpose of extracting organs,
tissues and bones for transplanting in living perons, granma
announced here.

the campaign to get doners began last march when cuban
president fidel castro asked members of cuba's young communist
league to donate their bodies +inasmuch as the worms will eat
you anyway.+

m the organs, bones and tissues are donated free of charge to
cuba's socialised medical system.

in his march speech dr. castro said that +there are sentiments
in relation to the cadaver that are very explicable, human and
natural but they are not rational and communists have to fight
against everthing that is not rational when seeking a noble goal.+
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b granma said that 3.672.137 members of cuba's neighborhood committees for the defense of the revolution (cdr's) have agreed to donate their bodies. to date, the article said, 837,766 of the volunteers have fulfilled the legal requirements by signing a statement and having a stamp put in their identity cards.

the cuban president said in his speech before the congress of cuba's young communist league in march that 3000 persons on the island need corneal transplants, 3000 bone transplants and 1200 kidney transplants.

dr. castro said in march that +the person who donates a kidney continues to live in the body of another person and if he donates an eye, continues living with his eyes in another person.+

dr. reinaldo manalich of the cuban institute of nephrology told reuter that since president castro's appeal there have been many more donated kidneys available for transplants +but there are still not enough.+

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