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havana, july 28, reuter -- the cuban minister of education, jose r. fernandez, characterised as +an infamous calumny and lie+ a report carried in the wall street journal that 2 000 angolan students in cuba had been expelled recently in connection with disorders which caused five deaths.

+there were no deaths because absolutely no disorders took place,+ the cuban minister, a member of the cuban communist party's central committee, told reuter.

mr fernandez declared that about 3 000 angolan students have been studying in cuba, most of them on the isle of youth to the south of the cuban mainland. he said that about 600 had returned to angola for summer vacations.

+it is possible that an insignificant number of students, perhaps a dozen or two, will not want to return to cuba because they have found it hard to adapt themselves or do not want to be so far from home,+ the minister said. +but,+ he continued,+the vast majority of those on vacation will return and there have been no problems among the angolany who are spending their summer in cuba,+ he said.

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in a speech last monday cuban president fidel castro declared that the angolan government had asked cuba to leave its military forces in angola for the immediate future. western diplomats here interpreted this to mean that close, friendly relations continue to exist between the two governments.

dr castro said that cuba has an agreement with anola +to withdraw gradually from angola in a time lapse agreed upon between us, when south african troops withdraw from nabimia to the other side of the orange river, when all danger of external aggression against angola ceases and when the imperialists stop supporting puppet organisations like unita, comira and flec.+

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