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havana, jan 30, reuter -- when eight canadian members of parliament leave cuba sunday in a canadian air force plane it is possible they will be accompanied by a canadian citizen who has been held in a cuban jail.

,a highly informed source told reuters.

the source said that a request to free the only canadian in cuban jails was made during a two and a half hour meeting between the canadian parliamentarians and cuban president fidel castro on friday.

+there is an excellent chance that dr. castro will agree to release the canadian,+ the source said.

the canadian was charged with illegal entry into cuba and possession of drugs, the source declared. he has been held at the combindado del este prison to the east of havana.

last week, the cuban government released four u.s. citizens held on the same charges following a meeting between four three u.s. congressmen from new york and the cuban president here in havana.

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belong to the house of commons subcommittee on latin american and
caribbean affairs of the standing committee of external affairs and
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