

McGovern

agreement on hijacking

want US to unilaterally drop embargo

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Cuba Returns Ransom
Money To Southern Airways

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It was announced in Washington that the Cuban government has returned 2 million dollars to Southern Airways which was taken to Cuba as ransom several years ago on a hijacked plane.

Here is the story

~~Prime~~ The Cuban government decided to return the ransom money after Senator George McGovern raise the issue during his recent visit to Cuba. ~~Dr. Fidel Castro~~ Prime Minister Fidel Castro told reporters here in Havana recently that the return of the ~~2 million dollars~~ 2 million dollars to Southern Airways was ~~another gesture~~ another gesture by Cuba towards the United States. By another he meant that several years ago Cuba signed a hijacking agreement with the United States and by doing so ~~helped~~ ended the rash of hijackings to Cuba. Dr. ~~Castro~~ Castro has said that he now expects a gesture by the United States, principally, the ending of the embargo imposed on Cuba more than a decade ago. Once the embargo against Cuba is dropped, Dr. Castro has said, he would be willing to sit down with Dr. Henry Kissinger and talk about the normalization of relations between Cuba and the United States.

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