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Republican congressman Charles ~~Whalen~~ ^{Whalen} of Ohio/arrived in

Cuba last night on what he described as a private visit.

Here is the story:

Congressman Whalen told reporters ~~at~~ here in Havana that he had talked to Secretary of State Kissinger earlier this week and hopes to be able to meet with Prime Minister Fidel Castro during his six day stay in Cuba. He said he is here to study the issues/might be raised if diplomatic relations are resumed between Cuba and the United States, and to ~~look into~~ ^{look into} possible trade ~~possibilities~~. ~~Mr. Whalen is the first congressman to visit Cuba since the arrival of Senator George McGovern in 1961. Whalen's visit comes two months after a highly successful visit by Senator George McGovern. Rumor has it that Senator Edward Kennedy might soon visit Cuba.~~

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This is Lionel Martin in Havana for CBC Radio News.

Ohio Republican Congressman Charles Whalen visits Cuba and studies issues of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the US are resumed.

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Whalen in Cuba on visit
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