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This is LM in Havana...here is the service message.

Cuba is amplifying its commercial relations with Western Europe, principally with France and ~~and~~ Great Britain. Here is the story.

During this month of May the Cuban government ~~has~~ has signed large scale commercial agreement with both France and Great Britain, the largest of their kind since the victory of the Cuban revolution in 1959.

The French Minister of Foreign Commerce, Norbert Segard, was in Cuba less than two weeks ago to discuss the questions of economic collaboration between the two nations. France has given Cuba a credit of approximately \$350 million dollars over a two year period for purchases of French products.

This past week, Cuban Deputy Prime Minister Carlos Rafael Rodriguez was in London. He met with Prime Minister Harold Wilson and ~~signed~~ Great Britain extended a credit of some 580 million dollars to Cuba.

In addition to these substantial breakthroughs in trade with France and Great Britain, ~~the construction of~~ it was announced here in Havana that Cuba has just ordered three modern merchant ships from a danish company.

This is Lionel Martin in Havana for CBC Radio News.

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