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This is Lionel Martin in Havana...The military honor court continues to meet in Havana in the case of General Arnaldo Ochoa who has been accused of corruption and of trafficking in drugs. Here is the story.

General Ochoa sat with his head bowed and eyes closed as the Minister of the Armed Forces, General Raul Castro detailed the charges against him.

A prisoner, he sits now before the military honor court of his peers, 45 generals and 2 admirals, that will help decide his fate.

That fate could very well be the death penalty.

He is being questioned by fellow generals. Word from the honor court which is not open to journalists is that he is contrite and has admitted his guilt.

He had been accused of corruption. One of the charges is that while he was in Angola with Cuban forces, he came into possession of diamonds and ivory which he sold to smugglers.

The most serious charge however is that of his involvement with international drug traffickers in helping them run cocaine into the United States.

General Castro said that if he had first been exposed overseas it would have dealt a severe blow to Cuba's revolutionary prestige.

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