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this is lionel martin in havana -- the service message. The cuban government has officially protested to Washington for overflight of sr 71 reconnaissance planes yesterday which crossed cuba's 1250 kilometer length twice, first from west to east and then from east to west. the cuban government said the spy flights were related to what it called, the u.s. threat of aggression against nicaragua. Cubans began staging an ongoing demonstration in front of the u.s. embassy here against the overflight -- about 100,000 cubans turned out to an announced rally..the following is an on the spot report*

There might be as many as a hundred thousand cubans here in front of the u.s. embassy protesting what they call the spy flight yesterday of an american sr-71. People are shouting, chanting and singing and there are lots of signs up. One says "we don't fear you in the least Mr. Imperialists" and another says-- a long banner --you should be aware uncle sam that we cubans are willing to die defending our revolution." There are some that have to do with Nicaragua: Stop you aggression against nicaragua arrogant and haughty imperialists" one says and another simply* Hands Off Nicaragua.

For cbc news this is lionel martin in front of the American embassy, Havana

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for Overflight of Reconnaissance Planes

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