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HL: Cuban Government Announces Withdrawal of 100

This is lionel martin in havana -- for tuesday use. the service message -- The cuban government announced plans to withdraw 100 military and security advisors from nicaragua. here is the story:

The move to withdraw the Cuban advisors responds to the policy announcement of Nicaraguan president Daniel Ortega. Ortega said last week that there were some 800 cuban military advisors in his country.

Naturally, both Nicaragua and Cuba would like the United States government to follow suit and withdraw some of its military advisors from Honduras

In fact, the cuban note MAKES PLAIN they would like to go much further. It says that Cuba is in favour of the withdrawal of all foreign military advisors from central american and would also like to see an end put to all weapons shipments to the region.

The Cuban statement charges that the cia is carrying out a dirty war against nicaragua but that Cuba will withdraw the 100 military and security advisors no matter how the U/S congress votes on giving aid to the anti sandanista forces.

But the cubans warn, they reserve the right to send more advisors at the request of Nicaragua if the u.s. persists in its attempts to overthrow the nicaraguan government by military means.

Cuban officials here in havana hope the conciliatory Cuban and nicaraguan positions will convince the u.s. congress to vote against aid for the nicaraguan contras.

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