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this is lionel martin in havana...for thursday use on the release of 22 american and 26 cuban prisoners ...the story

When jesse jackson told reporters aboard a plane flying between Havana and Nicaragua that Cuban president fidel castro ~~had agreed to release 26 cuban prisoners today~~ he said: "The ball is now in the state department's court."

What he meant was that ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~prisoners~~ <sup>prisoners</sup> ~~being cuban~~ need u.s. entry permits in order to ~~enter~~ <sup>go to</sup> the united states.

Reverend Jackson's plan is to stop in havana early this evening <sup>back</sup> on his way from nicaragua to the united states to personally tend to the departure of not only the 26 cubans but also 22 americans, most <sup>ly</sup> ~~alleged~~ <sup>by Dr. Castro</sup> drug traffickers, whose release was also granted ~~at~~ the behest of ~~Dr~~ reverend jackson.

Mr. Jackson has called ~~Dr~~ Fidel Castro <sup>is</sup> action in releasing the prisoners a generous ~~goodwill~~ expression of goodwill. It ~~has~~ become quite obvious however that Reverend Jackson's activities during his central american and cuban tour ~~had not~~ <sup>have</sup> ~~exactly~~ won the benediction of the reagan administration.

Mr. Jackson, a private citizen running for president, invited Fidel Castro to visit the united states on tuesday and now he has done something that washington has not been able to accomplish -- win the release of cubans ~~political~~ prisoners ~~imprisoned~~ jailed for counterrevolutionary activities. <sup>here!</sup>

THAT ~~of~~ <sup>gaining the</sup> ~~to his~~ release of the american flyer shot down in syria. ~~Major~~ Reverend jackson hopes it will prove that negotiation rather than confrontation is the best way of dealing with America's southern neighbors.

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