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this is lionel martin in havana: the service message.. the cuban olympic committee announced wednesday night that ~~it was~~ cuba was withdrawing from the olympic games. here is the item.

The announcement that Cuba would boycott the games did not come as a surprise. As ~~xx~~ far back as march, members of cuba's olympic committee while on a visit to Los Angeles complained about the lack of security <sup>in security</sup> for cuban ~~journalists and officials~~ ~~athletes~~ ~~officials~~ ~~journalists~~ ~~athletes~~ athletes, officials and journalists.

In <sup>ITS</sup> ~~their~~ announcement ~~they~~ ~~stated~~ the cuban olympic committee spelled out ~~its~~ <sup>anti communist</sup> position. It said that a ~~poisonous~~ poisonous/propaganda ~~campaign~~ campaign had been whipped up in Los Angeles. It charged that the personal dignity and physical integrity of cuban athletes would be jeopardised in the ~~xx~~ prevailing atmosphere of hysteria. Most serious were its assertions that counterrevolutionary and terrorist groups with big money behind them planned to provoke incidents, kidnap athletes and carry out physical and psychological aggressions. It also said that the Los Angeles olympics ~~were~~ ~~steeped~~ ~~in~~ ~~commercialism~~ was steeped in commercialism and that cuban could not ~~passively~~ passively accept the violation of ~~olympic~~ the ~~principles~~ established principles of the olympic games.

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Cuban Olympic Committee Announces IT IS Withdrawing from LA Olympic Games