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this is lionel martin in havana. The cubans^{government} denied American reports that put the number of cubans ~~xxxxxxx~~ on grenada at more than one thousand. here is the story.

Fidel Castro said several days ago that the number of cubans on grenada was somewhat over 700. Then came a flurry of reports from the united states saying that the cubans had over 1000 nations on grenada. Now the cubans have come out with a complete list of their national on the tiny caribbean island - 784 in all. Of them, 636 were construction workers, many with military experience~~xxxxxxx~~ Twenty one of the cubans are army officers, the cuban statement said.

The statement also ~~xxxxxx~~ denied that an arsenal of several thousand weapons on grenada belong to them. They were weapons, the statement said, destined for the grenadian peoples militia but they were never distributed.

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The cuban government has estimated the number of dead cubans at less than 100.

Finally, the statement said the united states government ~~xxx~~ tried to hide something but not allowing journalists onto grenada until several days after the invasion.

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