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this is Lionel Martin in Havana - fifty seven Cuban wounded ~~from~~
~~xxxxxxx~~ and 10 Cuban doctors returned to Havana in an international
red cross plane yesterday. here is the item.

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The wounded Cubans received a heroes welcome at the airport here
in Havana. The Cuban army band played and Fidel Castro and his brother
Raul Castro, the minister of the Cuban armed forces were at the foot
of the ramp as the men came down - many limping and others on stretchers.
But there was no cheering. The men did not smile ~~though some made~~
~~a clenched fist salutes.~~ Fidel Castro himself was grim - ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~,
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The return of the wounded has come only after days of waiting
~~xx~~ The international red cross
had hoped to have the wounded back in Cuba last Monday. But ~~xxxxxx~~
the U.S. military command on the island ~~xxx~~ -- according to one red
cross official to whom I spoke - delayed for one reason or another,
the departure of the Cuban wounded. was in good faith.

The Cubans ~~xxx~~ ^{do not think} that the delay ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Many feel here
that the United States want to mortify the Cubans for their symbolic,
defensive resistance to the U.S. landing on Grenada.

The vexation ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ continues. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~
~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Remaining on the island of Grenada are the Cuban
dead - almost a week after Cuban resistance ended on ~~the island~~, the
Cubans do not even know the names of those killed. And then there are
the rest of the living - over 600 Cuban men and women who are in, what
some of the Cubans who returned yesterday described as a concentration
camp on Grenada.

When all these Cubans are returned finally it is expected that
there will be a huge mass rally here in Havana - ~~xxx~~ ^{where} the mortification
and chagrin of the past days will be transformed into greater
revolutionary ~~xxx~~ cohesion around Fidel Castro.

For CBC news this is Lionel Martin in Havana.

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The wounded Cubans- 57 of them - arrived via a Swiss Balair DC8 with a red cross marked on its side.

The wounded received a hero's welcome. The band played and Fidel Castro was there at the foot of the ramp to greet the wounded, among whom were 10 stretcher cases.

For Cubans it was an emotional occassion. But people here are still awaiting word on the others 600 Cubans on Grenada- now prisoners of the US military force- will be coming home.

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