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This is Lionel Martin in Havana..for Monday morning use.
Here is the service message.

Fidel Castro has sent letters to ~~with~~ the presidents of Pakistan and Afghanistan offering his good offices to end the warlike situation along the border of the ~~two~~ two nations. I'll begin.

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Fidel Castro sent the personal messages as President of Cuba and also as the president of the Movement ~~of~~ of Non Aligned nations.

The intervention of Soviet troops in Afghanistan started shortly after President Castro became the president of the non aligned movement. It put Dr. Castro in a difficult situation. Cuba has close ties ^{with} the Soviet Union and expressed its view that the ~~the United States~~ United States ~~had intended all along to~~ had intended all along to stage

a right wing coup in Afghanistan. Cuba has also accused the Americans of arming Afghan insurgent inside ~~the~~ Pakistan.

The Afghan situation made it difficult ~~to~~ for Castro the Cuban president to unite the non-aligned movement around his leadership.

Now, for the first time, dr castro has jumped into the fray -- and as a peacemaker. ~~He told the Afghan and Pakistan presidents that a solution should be found that would safeguard the independence and territorial integrity of both nations.~~ He told the Afghan and Pakistan presidents that a solution should be found that would ~~safeguard the independence and territorial integrity of both nations.~~

Both presidents sent back answer to Dr. Castro but it is not known what they said.

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