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This is lionel martin in havana...for tuesday use...here is the service message. cuba's president fidel castro declared in a letter to mexican president fidel castro that he supports

Cuban president fidel castro, says he supports mexican president olopez portillo who said on sunday that the united states should renounce threats and the use of force in el salvador, nicaragua and against cuba. here is the story.

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Fidel Castro said in a letter to the mexican president that cuba wants peace in the region and that the united states is to blame for quote "all the problems that affect latin america and the caribbean today."

The cuban president offered to collaborate with the united states and other nations in brining an atmosphere of peace, ~~and~~ mutual respect ~~in the~~ and ~~quote necessary transformation~~ ~~to the region~~ if -- and its a big if - if the united states agrees one, not to invade it neighbors, two, end its ~~xxx~~ threats, three, stops employing weapons and money to support genocidal regimes and four, ceases its subversive activities in latin america and the caribbean.

Dr Castro said that Cuba ~~is not~~ has indeed strengthened its military posture but that its weapons are strictly for self-defense. He accused the reagan administration of increasing the threats against cuba and noted that it ~~refuses~~ refuses to renounce the possibility of a military attack on cuba as one of its options.

The Cuban leader said that ~~Cuba~~ if attacked, cuba's revolutionary men and women would fight to the death.

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on president reagans speech of yesterday. Here is the story:

There is still no official comment here on president reagans
Cuban
speech but at the same, ~~some~~ officials have commented.

One official said that the presidents aid package for
the underdeveloped caribbean and central american nations is a
drop in the bucket and will not solve the problems of mass
poverty. ~~They~~ He said that of the 400 million dollars proposed
by president reagan, more than a hundred million will go to
el salvador leaving less than 300 million for all the rest.
He pointed out that cuba's trade with canada last year was
about 500 million.

As for Mr. Reagans suggestion that ~~the free market~~ a free
market economy will do the trick in the underdeveloped nations
the cuban official said -- President reagan tells the nations
to pull themselves up by their own bootstraps -- but ~~maxxxxf~~
~~the xxxxxx~~ how can you do that if you cant even afford boots.

~~Finxxx~~ The official also criticised the president's speech
for completely ignoring mexican president lopez portillo's
proposal for a neogitated political settlement in el salvador
and a dialogue between washington and havana. The cuban
official said that no where in the speech did Preisent reagan
make a proposal that could lead to a lessening of tensions in
the caribbean basin.

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