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This is lionel martin in havana, christmas day ...in havana
here is the item;

Christmas is a none holiday in Cuba as far as the gvoernment is concerned. It is just another ~~holiday~~ and the government appeals to sugar workers since it's harvest time to stay on the job.

There are no christmas trees in public places here. ~~In fact,~~
~~the only xmas trees are those imported as gifts~~
~~from the canadian embassy.~~ In fact, the only real christmas trees (11)
here in havana ~~the only xmas trees~~ on this christmas day are those in
the homes of ~~the canadian embassy staff~~ the canadian embassy staff -- they
were flown into cuba from canada.

Xmas day has brought one bit of good news for cubans. A price increase for restaurants and cafeteria that was decreed by the government last week has been suspended by the council of minister. ~~They say managers~~ They must have received lots of complaints because they admit some ~~state~~ state managers raised prices too much.

[illegible]

7 ~~I'm here~~ in the cathedral of havana .. a ~~subabib~~ venerable church built of grey limestone that once held the remains of christopher columbus. ~~what you have is the small chorus during~~ christmas midnight mass ~~is in progress~~ ~~here.~~

For cbc radio news this is lionel martin in havana cuba

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