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this is lionel martin in havana...the service message
~~XXXXXX~~ U.S. secretary of state haigh ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ on friday
said, after his meeting with the south african foreign minister
that cuba should withdraw its troops from angola ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXX~~ as a prerequisite of a ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ solution to the namibian
question. here is the havana viewpoint.

Like many ~~xxx~~ african nations, Cuba recognises only
the southwest african peoples organization, that is, swapo
as the legitimate representative of the namibian people.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ The Cuban government is certain to feel, according
to diplomats here, that any south african-united states plan
for namibia would be aimed at ^{eliminating} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ the influence of swapo
and ensuring the ascension to power of a south african puppet
regime. ~~XX~~

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ for this reason, secretary of haighs demand that
Cuba withdraw its troops from Angola as a prerequisite to a
namibian ~~XXXXXX~~ solution ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ is expected to be met with
skepticism here in havana.

The Cubans ^{are said to believe} ~~believe~~ that South Africa, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ who is the
occupying force in Namibia, would find a way of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
rigging any elections there and that they would retain their
influence in the country even if it were declared nominally
independent.

~~Max~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Angola which also support Swapo would also view
the south African plan suspiciously. And the cubans have said
many times that their troops will stay in Angola just as long as
the angolan government asks them to do so.

for cbc radio news, this is lionel martin in havana

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2:10 1st reading
1:20 CBC- This is Lionel Martin in Havana September 10th. the service message ... The Cuban government ~~has~~ is accusing the ~~the government of having introduced~~ CIA of using ~~bacteriological~~ bacteriological dirty tricks against Cuba. Here is the item

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2:10
Last week, here in Havana, there was an outbreak of what ~~the medical profession~~ oculists call hemorrhagic conjunctivitis. ~~This conjunctivitis which puffs and reddens the eye~~ Pink eye is certainly not unknown in Cuba, it's quite common, but the ~~the~~ Panamerican Sanitary office says ~~this~~ ^{hemorrhagic} conjunctivitis ~~known as hemorrhagic conjunctivitis~~ is something new to the western hemisphere. There are already several thousand cases ~~in Cuba~~ ^{IN CUBA}
~~The Cuban government has declared that the virus that causes hemorrhagic conjunctivitis - which puffs and reddens the eyes and sometimes makes them bleed, was introduced into Cuba by the CIA.~~

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The Cuban government has declared that the virus that ~~spreads~~ causes hemorrhagic conjunctivitis - which puffs and reddens the eyes and sometimes makes them bleed, ~~was~~ ^{might have been} introduced into Cuba by the CIA.
Last July 26, Cuban president fidel castro said he suspected the CIA of having introduced other diseases into Cuba. He mentioned the african swine fever epidemic ^{last year} that killed tens of thousands of hogs. Also the blue mould tobacco blight which destroyed last years valuable Cuban tobacco crop. Also the roya sugar cane ^{PLAGUE} blight which cost the Cuba a couple of hundred million dollars in lost crude sugar. And finally, ~~castro~~ Dr. Castro mentioned the dengue fever epidemic that was at its ~~high~~ height in july and which ~~affected~~ has affected about 350,000 cubans. Like the ~~the~~ present ~~conjunctivitis~~ conjunctivitis, the dengue fever was also hemorrhagic and it was the first time that that kind of dengue fever had appeared in Cuba.

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The Cuban press over the past few months has been playing up any story that talks about ~~the~~ experiments by the united states ~~armed forces~~ with bacteriological warfare. And it has quoted washington columnist jack andersons contention that a 1972 african swine fever outbreak in havana was caused by ~~the~~ cia dirty tricks.

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Spoke to Joan McChellen,
Keith MacFarland &
Tom Smyth

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Many diplomats here scoff at Cuba's charges. They point out that ~~the~~ while it is true that hemorrhagic conjunctivitis outbreaks have never ^{before} occurred on this continent, they first appeared in august, not in cuba, but in surinam, colombia and honduras. The cuban government answers that ~~it is~~ the ~~wild~~ cia might have planted the disease there ~~so that it could later introduce it into cuba with impunity.~~

~~For the first time, this is the first time in the history of cuba~~
The Cuban government charges reflect a deep seated distrust of the Reagan administration. ~~It is the first time in the history of cuba~~ Just last week it ~~it~~ called secretary of state haig a liar for having ~~said~~ said that cuba distributes ~~soviets~~ soviet weapons in central america and that there are cuban advisors with revolutionary forces in el salvador. X

The deep distrust has caused the cubans to reactivate their ~~armed~~ peoples which which, according to fidel castro now has 500,000 men and women, trained and armed with modern weapons.

for cbc radio news, this is lionel martin in havana cuba.

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