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Six Spanish Speaking Hijackers Comanded the
Eastern Airlines Jumbo Plane and took it to Cuba

Wednesday morning, this is Lionel Martin in Havana. There has been another hijacking to Cuba. Here is the item/

The six Spanish speaking hijackers used ~~what is~~
~~what~~ what some ~~Cuban~~ American officials here are calling
"the old can of gasoline trick". ~~xxxxxxx~~

the hijackers commandeered the Eastern Airlines jumbo
jet headed from New York to Miami by pouring gasoline or ~~what~~
~~xxxxxxx~~ lighter fluid out of a ~~xxx~~ bottle
and brandishing cigarette lighters while shouting Cuba, Cuba
Cuba.

Once the plane got here to Jose Marti airport the
hijackers, presumably all Cuban exiles, gave themselves
up to the police. The passengers got out and many of them
enjoyed their ~~xxxxxxx~~ three hour stay in the terminal
building -- reliving the adventure, eating, drinking and buying
Cuban rum and cigars.

There have been seven hijackings of US. airliners to Cuba
this month with more than 850 paying passengers including
23 hijackers. ~~It~~ The eventual fate of the hijackers is still a
mystery ...it is known ~~they~~ that they are arrested but ^{there}
has been no Cuban statements on whether they will be tried in
court for hijacking.

This is Lionel Martin in Havana for CBC Radio News.

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