

On The US Airliner Arrival at The Havana Airport
Hijacked

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The U.S. airliner is told by the control tower here at the airport in Havana to ~~take~~ taxi onto the tarmac some distance from the terminal building. The Cuban security ~~men are ready -- and when~~ ~~XXXX XXXXX X XXXX~~ a ramp is driven up, the doors are opened and security men go up **INTO THE PLANE**.

In all of the hijackings last week the hijackers gave ~~themselves up~~ ~~with~~ they didn't have to be talked into it like ^{American} a black muslim did when he brought a hijacked ^{plane} ~~plane~~ here in ~~march~~ ^{of last weeks}.

As far as can be determined all ~~the~~ hijackers are Cuban refugees ~~who are~~ coming home. What makes ~~this~~ ^{it bizarre} is that they ~~XXXX~~ have not been invited to come home and they are not particularly welcome. You remember the scenes last april and may of ~~XXXX~~ pro revolutionary cubans harassing these same people -- would be refugees at that time -- and calling them trash and bums.

Now they show up on ^{are in} a hijacked flight ~~to~~. The Cubans arrest them, no doubt interrogate them and...and nobody here can say what is going to happen to them. Will they be prosecuted,...the Cubans are talki ng.

So the high jacked plane, now without its hijackers is brought up closer to the terminal building. And all the passengers... more than 600 last week get out and begin ^{unwinding} ~~relaxing~~ a bit after a meal and a drink and a visit to ~~the~~ ^{the} airport gift shop.

One distinguishing feature of all the hijacki ngs last week was the fine cooperation given by the Cubans -- sufficient to warrent an expression of appreciation on the part of the U.S. government. ^{generally} Considering the dismal ~~xx~~ general state of relations between the two countries, that might even be said to be a bright patch of sky on a dark horizon.

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