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This is Lionel Martin in Havana. for sunday morning use.
President Lopez Portillo of Mexico is leaving Cuba at 9 am for
Costa Rica. He spent four days in Cuba. Here is the report:

The Mexican president, Lopez Portillo, reaffirmed his
nation's independent foreign policy. While many nations of the
hemisphere ... including Mexico's big northern neighbor -- treat
Cuba as an outcast, Lopez Portillo made it clear that he
views Cuba as a friend.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ One observer likened the Mexican president's
policy ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ to the
third option policy ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ of ~~XXX~~ Prime Minister Trudeau in
the early 70's. And it is instructive that Fidel Castro ~~XXXXXX~~
mentioned Canada in his speech in revolution square yesterday.
He had ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ said that Mexico was the only nation in this
hemisphere that had not broken relations with Cuba following
the revolution...and then he back up and said neither had
Canada broken relations.

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During the visit the Cuban president praised the
Mexican president and the Mexican president praised the
Cuban president. And both pledged further cooperation between
the two nations.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Fidel Castro ended his speech in re f
square:

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D~~o~~ Castro was saying: Long Live Mexico
Long Live the friendship of the peoples of Mexico and
Cuba.

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