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this is lionel martin in havana, the service message for monday
use. Cuban leader fidel castro talked to journalists here in havana
~~and~~ and sounded conciliatory. Here is the
story.

The cuban president ~~met~~ spoke to the reporters in the
kind of guerrilla style, impromptu ~~xxxx~~ news conference one gets
accustomed to here. ~~in havana~~
His tone was conciliatory but not to the point of giving in
on some ~~xx~~ his cherished principles. He expressed satisfaction with
the recent meetings of u.s. presidential envoy richard stone ~~xxx~~
with representatives of both nicaragua and the salvadorean revolutionary
movement. He also said he would be highly pleased if the kissinger
commission appointed by president reagan met with the same two
parties.

On the tougher side Dr. castro said cuba would not withdraw
its advisors in nicaragua or its troops in angola unless those two
nations asked them to do so. We will not betray our friends, he said
but he ~~xxxxxx~~ insisted that if those two nations want to make an
agreement with the united states ~~xxxxxx~~ in which ^(and advisors) cuban troops would
have to be withdrawn, he would have no objections.

The cuban leader said that the show of ~~military~~ u.s. military
power in central america would not intimidate either nicaragua or
cuba. But he spoke in favour of a negotiated, political settlement
in central america in which there were mutual concessions.

For cbc news, this is lionel martin in havana.

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