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this is lionel martin in havana... for ~~xxxxxx~~ thursday morning use... here is the service message, the first secretary of the Cuban interest section in washington ~~xxxxxx~~ was given one ~~xxx~~ week to leave the united states. The expulsion order was ~~xxxx~~ announced yesterday at the state department in washington. here is the cuban reaction:

~~xxxxxx~~ in an official declaration ~~xxx~~ the cuban government labels as false the accusations made against the cuban diplomat by the department of state spokesman. Those accusations said he was trying to drum up business in the United States in violation of the U.S. economic embargo on Cuba. That embargo has been in force for more than 20 years now.

The cuban note says that the ~~xxxxxx~~ american charges reflect and i quote, the intention of American authorities to continue their policy of hostility towards cuba and of harassment of cuban representatives in the united states.

~~xxxxxx~~ The exchange of diplomatic missions took place under president carter. Despite some rough moment in relations between Havana and Washington last year, no diplomats from ~~x~~ either of the nations was expelled from the other.

~~xxxxxx~~ Fidel Castro has said that ~~xxxxx~~ President reagan's ~~xxxxxx~~ administration aims at carrying out an aggressive policy towards Cuba. And they are interpreting the expulsion of one of their diplomats as the beginning of a worsening of relation.

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