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DIP: CUBA-BURKINA FASO

1984
BURKINA FASO LEADER MEETS BRIEFLY WITH CUBAN PRESIDENT CASTRO:
HAVANA, NOV 7, REUTER -- THE LEADER OF THE AFRICAN NATION
BURKINA FASO, CAPTAIN THOMAS SANKARA, MET BRIEFLY WITH CUBAN
PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO DURING A STOPOVER IN HAVANA ON HIS WAY
TO NICARAGUA TO ATTEND THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
OF THE SANDANISTA NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT, JUVENTUD REBELDE
REPORTED TODAY.

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SANKARA, THE HEAD OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF BURKINA FASO
WAS GIVEN +A STRONG EMBRACE+ (UN ABRAZO FUERTE) BY GENERAL RAUL
CASTRO, MINISTER OF THE CUBAN ARMED FORCES, WHEN HE CAME DOWN THE
RAMP AND STEPPED ONTO THE TARMAC AT THE JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT IN HAVANA., THE NEWSPAPER SAID

RAUL CASTRO IS ALSO THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF
THE CUBAN COUNCIL OF STATE AND THE SECOND SECRETARY OF THE
CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY.

THE BURKINA FASO MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS ACCOMPANIED THE
HEAD OF THE FORMER FRENCH COLONY WHICH WON ITS INDEPENDENCE IN 1960
AND WAS KNOWN AS ALTA VOLTA.

THE CUBAN AND BURKINA FASO LEADERS MET FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR
IN THE PROTOCOL SALON OF THE AIRPORT BEFORE THOMAS-SANKARA CONTINUED
HIS JOURNEY TO MANAGUA., JUVENTUD REBELDE SAID. THE CONTENTS OF THEIR
CONVERSATION WERE NOT REVEALED.

THE BURKINA FASO LEADER VISITED CUBA IN 1984. IN A JOINT
COMMUNIQUE AT THE TIME, THE TWO NATIONS EXPRESSED A BROAD
COINCIDENCE OF VIEWS ON FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY THOSE
RELATING TO AFRICA AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

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