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BURKINA FASO LEADER RETURNS TO CUBA ON OFFICIAL VISIT.

HAVANA, NOV 10; REUTER -- THE LEADER OF THE AFRICAN NATION OF BURKINA FASO, CAPTAIN THOMAS SANKARA WHO STOPPED OFF IN HAVANA ON HIS WAY TO MANAGUA LAST WEEK, RETURNED TO CUBA YESTERDAY FOR A TWO DAY OFFICIAL VISIT, GRANMA REPORTED TODAY.

THE BURKINA FASO HEAD OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY GENERAL RAUL CASTRO, THE MINISTER OF THE CUBAN ARMED FORCES, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND SECOND SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

DURING HIS BRIEF STOPOVER IN HAVANA LAST SATURDAY, SANKARA MET WITH CUBAN PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO IN THE PROTOCOL SALON OF THE AIRPORT. HE THEN CONTINUED HIS TRIP TO NICARAGUA TO FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SANDANISTAS.

SUNDAY THE CUBAN PRESIDENT FLEW TO MOSCOW TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE HEADS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF THE COMECON NATIONS. RAO CASTRO, HIS BROTHER, IS THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN THE CUBAN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT.

AMONG THE CUBAN OFFICIALS AT THE AIRPORT RECEPTION FOR SANKARA WERE JORGE RISQUET (ADD VALDES IN SPANISH), A MEMBER OF THE POLITBUREAU OF THE CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, ISIDORO MALMIERCA.

GRANMA DID NOT GIVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING SANKARA'S AGENDA DURING HIS TWO DAY VISIT.

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