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CUBAN SCIENTISTS PROTEST DENIAL OF VISAS BY U.S. GOVERNMENT:
HAVANA, NOV 1, REUTER -- TWO CUBAN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES
CHARACTERIZED AS +ARROGANT, ILLEGAL AND INHUMAN+ THE DENIAL
BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OF ENTRY VISAS FOR FIVE RENOWNED CUBAN
ORTHOPEDIC SPECIALISTS TO ATTEND THE THIRTEENTH CONGRESS OF
THE LATIN AMERICAN ORTHOPEDIC AND TRAUMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY WHICH
ENDS TODAY IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.

A DECLARATION BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CUBAN SCIENTIFIC
SOCIETIES AND THE CUBAN SOCIETY OF ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY PUBLISHED IN TO
DAY'S GRANMA SAID THAT THE DENIAL OF THE VISAS
+IS A NEW ATTEMPT OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION TO PREVENT
DISTINGUISHED CUBAN SCIENTISTS FROM PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL
EVENTS.+

THE DECLARATION STATED THAT +IN THIS YEAR ALONE, THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT HAS DENIED VISAS TO SOZENS OF CUBAN SCIENTISTS AND,
SPLCIALISTS THAT SHOULD HAVE PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS
THAT OOK PLACE IN THE UNITED STATES.+

THE CUBAN DECLARATION CHARGED THAT +THESE ARBITRARY MEASURES ARE
IN CONTRAST TO THE POLICY OF FREE PARTIPATION OF CITIZENS OF ALL
COUNTRIES IN SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL, ADADEMIC AND OTHER EVENTS
THAT TAKE PLACE IN CUBA WITHOUT REGARD TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S
POLITICAL AFFILATION OR THE POLITICAL-SOCIAL REGIME OF THE COUNTRY
FROM WHICH HE COMES.+

THE CUBAN SCIENTISTS SAID THAT THE DENIAL OF ENTRY VISAS
+SHOWS THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S FEAR THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE
WORLD FIND OUT ABOUT THE SUCCESSES AND ADVANCES OF OUR PEOPLE
IN PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SPORTS.+

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