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ARGENTINIAN PRESIDENT ALFONSIN ARRIVES IN CUBA ON OFFICIAL VISIT
HAVANA, OCT 18, REUTER -- THE PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA, RAUL
ALFONSIN, ARRIVED HERE ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TODAY ON AN ARGENTINIAN
AIRFORCE PLANE AND WAS GREETED ON THE TARMAC BY CUBAN PRESIDENT
FIDEL CASTRO.

WHEN THE PLANE TAXIED UP TO THE RAMP, THE ARGENTINIAN AND CUBAN
FLAGS ADORNED THE FUSILAGE NEAR THE PILOT'S CABIN WHERE THEY HAD BEEN
PLACED AFTER THE PLANE HAD LANDED.

THE ARGENTINIAN HEAD OF STATE WAS GIVEN THE TRADITIONAL
TWENTY-ONE GUN SALUTE AS HE AND CASTRO STOOD AT ATTENTION AND THE
NATIONAL ANTHYMS OF BOTH NATIONS WERE BEING PLAYED.

THE ARGENTINIAN PRESIDENT IS SCHEDULED TO SPEND TWENTY HOURS IN
CUBA AND IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE AT NOON LOCAL TIME (1700 GMT).

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