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ARGENTINIAN PRESIDENT ALFONSIN TO VISIT CUBA SATURDAY:

HAVANA, OCT 16, REUTER. -- THE PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA, RAUL ALFONSIN WILL ARRIVE IN CUBA ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT AT THE INVITATION OF CUBAN PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO, THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAER, GRANMA, ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE FRONT PAGE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THAT "THE POPULATION OF HAVANA IN REPRESENTATION OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF CUBA WILL OFFER A WARM AND ENTHUSIASTIC GREETING TO THE DISTINGUISHED VISITOR."

ALFONSIN WILL ARRIVE FROM EUROPE WHERE HE APID RPT PAID OFFICIAL VISITS

TO SPAIN AND THE SOVIET UNION AND WHICH RPT WHERE HE WILL RECEIVE A HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD FROM THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE IN STRASSBOURG, FRANCE.

ACCORDING TO CUBAN OFFICIALS, ALFONSIN WILL SPEND SOMEWHAT OVER TWENTY HOURS IN HAVANA AND WILL HOLD EXTENDED DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT CASTRO ON INTERNATIONAL AND BILATERAL THEMES..

ALFONSIN WILL BE THE FIRST ARGENTINIAN HEAD OF STATE TO VISIT CUBA. WESTERN DIPLOMATS BELIEVE HE WILL THANK CASTRO FOR CUBA'S SUPPORT FOR THE ARGENTINIAN POSITION DURING THE MALVINA (FALKLAND) ISLANDS CONFLICT.

DURING AN INTERVIEW IN MOSCOW, THE ARGINTINIAN PRESIDENT SAID THAT "WE ARE CONVINCED THAT DURING THE VISIT, CUBAN AUTHORITIES WILL REITERATE, AS THEY HAVE DONE ON PAST OCASSIONS, THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEACE-MAKING EFFORST OF THE CONTADORA GROUP AND THE SUPPORT GROUP. ARGENTINA IS A NEBER OF THE SUPPORT GROUP WHICH BACKS EFFORTS OF THE CONTADORA GROUP FOR FINDING PEACEFUL SOLUTION THE CONFLICTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

ACCORDING TO CUBAN OFFICIALS, CASTRO WILL DOUBTLESSLY EXPRESS CUBA'S BACKING OF THE DECLARATION ON WORLD PEACE AND DISARMAMENT SIGNED IN MEXICO CITY THIS SUMMER BY THE HEADS OF STATE OF ARGETNTINA, SWEDEN, GREECE, MEXICO, TANZANIA AND INDIA.

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