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CASTRO PRAISES USSR PEACE EFFORT, CHARGES U.S. WITH SABOTAGE
HAVANA, SEPT 29, REUTER -- CUBAN PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO, IN A
SPEECH AT THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE THIRD CONGRESS OF THE
COMMITTEES FOR DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION, PRAISED THE PEACE EFFORTS
OF THE SOVIET UNION AND CHARGED THE UNITED STATES WITH +GT
+FRUSTRATING ALL THESE EFFORTS IN FAVOR OF PEACE.+

THE CUBAN LEADER SAID: +WE SEE WITH HOW MUCH OBSTINACY THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES REFUSES TO ACCEPT THE IDEA OF
SUSPENDING PROGRAMS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF WEAPONS IN SPACE IN
THE FACE OF THE DESIRE, HOPE AND DEMANDS OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC
OPINION.+

CASTRO SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES +IS DREAMING THAT SUCH
WEAPONS CAN NEUTRALIZE THE STRATEGIC FORCES OF THE SOVIET
UNION AND EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT SUCH A WILD POINT OF VIEW WILL
ONLY LEAD TO THE ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT ON THE PART OF BOTH
SIDES OF WEAPONS THAT ARE MORE DESTRUCTIVE AND DEADLY.+

IN HIS TWO AND A HALF HOUR SPEECH, CASTRO PRAISED +THE
ENORMOUS EFFORTS OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY AND ESPECIALLY THE USSR
TO SOMEHOW PREVENT THE SPIRAL OF ARMS, THE AND TO PREVENT AVOID
WEAPONS IN SPACE AND NEW SYSTEMS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.+

THE SIXTY YEAR OLD CUBAN LEADER SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION
+ASSUMED RISKS+ BY EXTENDING ITS MORATORIUM ON NUCLEAR TESTING
BECAUSE +NUCLEAR TESTING IS THE BASIS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
MUCH MORE DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS' SYSTEMS.+

+IF THE POLICY OF WAR AND AGGRESSION DOES NOT END,+ CASTRO SAID,
SPEAKING OF U.S. POLICY, +THEN NOT ONLY WILL PEACE BE ENDANGERED
BUT SO WILL HUMAN SURVIVAL.+

,+ CASTRO SAID.

CASTRO SAID THAT THERE WAS STILL HOPE AND ONE SHOULD NOT BE
PESSIMISTIC. +I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE UNITED STATES IS
VERY ISOLATED AT THIS MOMENT FROM WORLD PUBLIC OPINION BUT
ONE CANNOT DISCARD THE IDEA THAT DESPITE ITS SABOTAGE, IMPORTANT
STEPS MIGHT FINALLY BE TAKEN TOWARD DISARMAMENT, THE LESSENING OF
TENSIONS AND PEACE.....+

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