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SOVIET METEOROLOGICAL RESEARCH PLANE TO BEGIN WORK IN CUBA:
HAVANA, SEPT 8, REUTER -- A SOVIET ILUSHIN-18 WEATHER RESEARCH PALNE WHICH ARRIVED IN CUBA LAST SATURDAY WITH 27 SOVIET CREWMEN AND SCIENTISTS ABOARD WILL BEGIN PARTICIPATING IN A RAIN-MAKING EXPERIMENT THIS WEEK, GRANAM REPORTED TODAY.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID THAT DURING ITS STAY IN CUBA THE PLANE WILL CARRY OUT A JOINT SOVIET-CUBAN PROJECT TO STUDY TROPICAL HURRICANES AND TO PROVOKE RAINFALL OVER THE ISLAND. THE PLANE WILL REMAIN IN CUBA UNTIL MID-NOVEMBER.

THE PLANE, DESCRIBED AS A FLYING LABORATORY, IS CAPABLE OF FLYING CLOSE TO THE EYE OF A HURRICANE. GRANMA SAID IT WILL BE USED TO STUDY ANY HURRICANES THAT DEVELOP OVER THE NEXT MONTH IN THE CARIBBEAN SEA AND THE GULF OF MEXICO.
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