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CUBA-URSS SIGN 8 BILLION RUBLE TRADE PROTOCOL:
HAVANA, MAY 31, REUTER -- CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION SIGNED A TRADE AND PAYMENTS DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR MORE THAN 8 BILLION RUBLES, THE OFFICIAL GRANMA REPORTED TODAY.
THE AGREEMENT, SIGNED IN MOSCOW BY THE SOVIET MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, BORIS ARISTOV AND HIS CUBAN COUUNTERPART, RICARDO CABRISAS +IS BASED ON AGREEMENTS REACH ON THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS,+ THE ARTICLE SAID.
A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT ON FOREIGN TRADE FOR THE 1986-90 FIVE YEAR PLANS WAS SIGNED IN HAVANA LAST APRIL.
GRANMA NOTED THAT THE USSR IS CUBA'S MOST IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNER. THE SOVIET SUPPLY THE LION'S SHARE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR CUBA'S NICKEL, SUGAR, ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND TRANS-PORTATION INDUSTRIES AND ALL OF THE CARIBBEAN ISLAND'S MILITARY WEAPONS. CUBA EXPORTS SUGAR, CITRUS PRODUCTS, RUM AND NICKEL TO T

THE SOVIET UNION.
THE ARTICLE MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY THAT JOINT SOVIET-CUBAN ENTERPRISES MIGHT BE CREATED.
GRANMA DID NOT GIVE ANY FINANCIAL DETAILS CONCERNING THE TRADE AND PAYMENTS PROTOCOL.
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