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:CUBA REAFFIRMS AIM TO PRODUCE MORE SUGAR DURING NEXT HARVEST:
HAVANA, OCT 14, REUTER - A HIGH CUBAN OFFICIAL REAFFIRMED HIS NATION'S GOAL TO INCREASE RAW SUGAR PRODUCTION IN THE COMING HARVEST BY ONE MILLION TONNES.

JULIO RIZO, A MEMBER OF THE SECREATRIAT OF THE CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY SAID THURSDAY THAT DURING THE 1988-89 HARVEST +WE HAVE TO PRODUCE A MINIMUM OF ONE MILLION TONNES MORE RAW SUGAR THAN THE LAST HARVEST.

HIS REMARKS WERE REPORTED IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAER GRANMA ON FRIDAY. RIZO SPOKE AT A MEETING IN CAMAGUAY PROVINCE COMMEMORATING +THE DAY OF THE SUGAR WORKER.+ CAMAGUEY IS ONE OF CUBA'S MAJOR SUGAR RODUCING REGIONS.

THE 1988-89 HARVEST IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND LAST UNTIL JUNE.

DURING THE 1987-88 HARVEST, CUBA PRODUCED APPROXIMATELY 7.3 TONNES OF RAW SUGAR.

LAST JULY CUBAN PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO SAID THAT THE CUBAN ECONOMY REQUIRED A HARVEST OF MORE THAN 8 MILLION TONNES OF RAW SUGAR.
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