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131936 :CUBA-RIGHTS CORRECTED VERSION (RPT FM BAS)
SELF-PROCLAIMED CUBAN PARTY SEEKS HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION
HAVANA, OCT 13, REUTER : THE COORDINATOR OF A SELF-STYLED CU
BAN
HUMAN RIGHTS ARTY WHICH CLAIMSTO HAVE OVER TENTHOUSAND
VOTINGAGE MEMBERS TOL REUTER THURSAY THAT THE GROUP HAS GATHE
RED
ENOUGH SIGNATURES TO FORCE PARLIAMENTARY CONSIDERATION OF
TWO PROPOSALS ON HUMAN RIGHTS.
THE COORDINATOR, AIDA VALDEZ SANTANA SAID THAT THE GROUP HAD
SUBMITTED MORE THAN THE 10,000 SIGNATURES REQUIRED UNDER THE CUB
AN
CONSTITUTION TO PROPOSE LEGISLATION.
THE LEGISLATION CALS FOR THE ADOPTON, UNDER CUBAN LAW, OF
RTICLES 13 AN 19 OF THE UNTED NATIONS CHARTER ON HUMAN RIGHTS

ARTICLE 13 REFERS TO THE FREEDOM OF CITIZENS TO TRAVEL AND
ARTICLE 19 REFERS TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH.
THE PARTY, SHE SAID, HAS BEEN TOLERATED SINCE ITS ESTABLSIHM
ENT
THREE MONTHS AGO BUT IT IS NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE CUBAN GOVERNMEN
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IN A SPEECH LAST JULY 26 CUBAN PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO SAID
"WE MUST SAY HERE, ONCE AND FOR ALL, THAT WE NEED JUST ONE PARTY
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HE SAID HE WAS MAKING THE DECLARATION "TO STOP THE WISHFUL THINK
ING
OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE GOING TO START ALLOWING POCKET-
SIZE PARTIES."
VALDEZ SAID THAT HER PARTY "IS NOT TRYING TO OCCUPY GOVERNME
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POSTIONS" AND CHARACTERIZED TS [illegible] AS "CONTRUCTIVE."
SHE SAID THAT HE PRESIDENT OF HE ORGANISINGCONMISSION
OF THE PARTY IS RICARDO BOFILL, A CUBAN DISSIDENT WHO LEFT CUBA
FOR WEST GERMANY EARLIER THIS MONTH. BOFILL HAS BE LABELED BY
THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT AS "AN AGENT MANIPULATED BY THE CIA" AND AS
A CHARLATAN.
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