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CUBANS READY TO RECEIVE CUBAN UNDESIRABLES DEPORTED FROM U.S.:
HAVANA, DEC 1, REUTER - CUBAN OFFICIALS AND U.S DIPLOMATS HAVE DISCUSSED THE LOGISTICS FOR THE RETURN HERE OF CUBAN EXILES WHO WILL BE DEPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES, A U.S. CONSULAR OFFICIAL TOLD REUTER HERE THURSDAY.

THE CUBANS WENT TO THE UNITED STATES DURING THE 1980 MARIEL BOATLIFT AND THEN COMMITTED SERIOUS CRIMES.

EARLIER THURSDAY, SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ANTHONY KENNEDY CLEARED THE WAY FOR THE DEPORTATION OF THE FIRST FIVE UNDESIRABLE CUBANS BY TURNING DOWN AN APPEAL FOR A STAY BY THEIR LAWYERS.

THE CONSULAR OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE FILES OF OVER 100 CUBAN EXILES WHO ARE AMONG THOSE SLATED FOR DEPORATION WERE HANDED OVER TO CUBAN AUTHORITES IN RECENT WEEKS. THE FILES INCLUDED THE U.S TRIAL AND PRISONS RECORDS OF THE CUBAN CONVICTS.

A CUBAN OFFICIAL TOLD REUTER THURSDAY THAT THE RETURNED MEN WILL BE ISOLATED ONCE THEY RETURN WHILE THEY UNDERGO A THOROUGH EXAMINATION FOR AIDS OR OTHER DESEASES.

THE CUBAN OFFICIAL SAID THAT THOSE WHO HAVE COMMITTED SERIOUS CRIMES IN THE UNITED STATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO SERVE OUT THEIR SENTENCES IN CUBAN JAILS.

UNDER AN IMMIGRATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA ORIGINALLY SIGNED IN 1984, CUBA AGREED TO TAKE BACK 2746 UNDESIRABLE CUBAN EXILES WHO WERE THEN SERVING TERMS IN U.S. PENITENTIARIES.

FOR ITS PART, THE UNITED STATE GOVERNMENT RENEWED THE CUBAN IMMIGRATION QUOTA OF 20,000 PERSONS AND AGREED TO TAKE IN AN ADDITION AL 3000 CUBANS, POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, UNDER THE U.S. REFUGEE ACT.

THE PROGRAM WAS SUSPENDED BY CUBA IN 1985 IN PROTEST AGAINST RADIO MARTI, A U.S. GOVERNMENT-OWNED RADIO STATION WHICH BEAMS PROPAGANDA TO CUBA.

FOLLOWING THE RENEWAL OF THE IMMIGRATION PROGRAM IN OCTOBER 1987, THE DEPORTATION OF UNDESIRABLE CUBANS WAS PARALYZED AFTER 2300 OF THEM RIOTED AT TWO FEDERAL PENITENTIARIES.

AS A GESTURE OF CONCILIATION, THE JUSTICE DEPARMENT AGREED TO REVIEW EARCH CASE INDIVDIUALLY. LAST MONTH IT ORDERED THE DEPORATION OF THE FIRST FIFTEEN UNDESIRABLES, INCLUDING THE FIVE WHOSE APPEAL WAS TURNED DOWN BY JUSTICE KENNEDY.

WHILE THE DEPORATION OF UNDESIRABLES HAS BEEN DELAYED SINCE THE RENEWAL OF THE PROGRAM, THE EMIGRATION OF CUBANS TO THE UNITED STATES HAS GONE RELATIVELY SMOOTHLY, THE U.S CONSULAR OFFICIAL SAID.

SINCE OCTOBER OF 1987, THE U.S. OFFICIAL SAID, OVER 5000 CUBANS HAVE LEFT CUBA FOR THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE REGULAR U.S IMMIGRATION QUOTA WHILE OVER THREE THOUSAND REFUGEES, INCLUDING THEIR FAMILIES, HAVE EMIGRATED TO THE U.S.
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