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AM-CUBA-DISSIDENT (EXPECT PHOTO OF DEPARTURE WITHIN 6 HOURS)
HUMAN RIGHTS DISSIDENT WILL LEAVE FOR WEST GERMANY TODAY:
HAVANA, OCT 5, REUTER - CUBAN DISSIDENT, RICARDO BOFILL, PRESIDENT OF THE SELF-STYLED CUBAN COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, SAID IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WEDNESDAY THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED A WWST GERMAN GOVERNMENT INVITATION TO GO THERE.

BOFILL SAID HE WOULD LEAVE HAVANA WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AND ARRIVE IN MADRID THURSDAY MORNING. FROM THERE, HE SAID, HE EXPECTS TO GO TO WEST GERMAN.

THE CUBAN DISSIDENT, WHOSE HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP HAS BEEN TOERATED BUT NOT OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT SAID THAT HIS STATUS IN WEST GERMANY WILL BE THAT OF PERMANENT RESIDENT WITH THE RIGHT TO WORK.

HE SAID THAT WOULD BECOME A SPECIALIST IN LATIN AMERICAN PROBLEMS FOR THE INDEPENDENT ASSOCIATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN FRANKFORT AM MAIN.

THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS HAS NOT LEFT HIS HOUSE ONTHE OUTSKIRTS OF HAVANA SINCE LAST MARCH WHEN HE CLAIMED THAT HE WAS BEING HARASSED ON THE STREETS OF HAVANA.

THE DISSIDENT SAID HE HAS A SERIOUS KIDNEY STONE PROBLEM AND THAT THE FIRST THING HE WOULD DO UPON ARRIVING IN WEST GERMANY IS ENTER A HOSPITAL.

BOFILL SAID HE PLANS TO GIVE LECTURES THROUGHOUT WESTERN EUOPE AND PLANS TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES ALSO.

THE CUBAN NEWS MEDIA HAS CHARGED BOFILL WITH BEING A CHARLATAN AND A TRAITOR MANIPUALTED BY THE CIA.

BOFILL WAS FIRST JAILED IN 1967 FOR BEING PART OF A COMMUNIST FACTION THAT CRITICIZED THE POLICIES OF CUBAN LEADER FIDEL CASTRO'S GOVERNMENT. HE WAS REARRESTED SEVERAL TIMES FOLLOWING HIS RELEASE FROM JAIL IN 1972. IN ALL, HE SPENT EIGHT YEARS IN CUBAN JAILS.

OVER THE PAST FOUR MONTHS HUNDREDS OF CUBAN DISSIDENT HAVE LEFT THE ISLAND AFTER RECEIVING PERMISSION TO DO SO FROM THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT.

IN SEPETEMBER A SIX-MEMBER MISSION FROM THE U.N COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS SPENT TEN DAYS IN CUBA LOOKING INTO THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION ON THE ISLAND. BOFILL REFUSED TO LEAVE HIS HOUSE TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE COMMISSION BUT MEMBERS OF HIS ORGANIZATION PRESENTED IT WITH A 200 PAGE RPORT.
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