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THE DONOVAN ANNOUNCEMENT STRENGTHENED BELIEF THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF THE MEN EITHER HAD REACHED, OR WERE ON THE VERGE OF, A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

A BRIEF DONOVAN STATEMENT ISSUED AT NOON HERE SAID:

"THE (NEGOTIATING) MISSION MET LAST EVENING WITH PREMIER CASTRO AND OTHER HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. A PRELIMINARY LIST OF MEDICINES AND DRUGS ALREADY CONTRIBUTED TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS WAS SUBMITTED.

"IT IS BEING STUDIED BY THE (CASTRO) GOVERNMENT AND AN ANALYSIS PREPARED. MR. DONOVAN WILL RETURN TO MIAMI TODAY WITH THE GOVERNMENT ANALYSIS AND TO OBTAIN THE LATEST LIST OF ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

"HE PLANS TO RETURN TO HAVANA TOMORROW."

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