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Cuba Admits Aiding Landing In Venezuela

HAVANA (AP)—Cuba acknowledged today three Cubans helped a guerrilla band land in Venezuela and said it will continue to aid guerrillas in all the world.

A bristling statement from the Central Committee of the Cuban Communist Party declared, "We will not avoid combat."

THE STATEMENT said in effect that the Cubans captured in Venezuela were only doing their part as good revolutionaries.

It denied, however, that any of the Cubans were members of the regular army.

The statement was the first official admission since Venezuela announced two Cubans were captured and two others were killed in a landing May 8. Cuba admits only three Cubans were involved.

"We are lending and will continue to lend aid to all those who fight against imperialism in whatever part of the world," the statement said.

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known the 100-member committee met in Havana yesterday.

THE STATEMENT accused the United States of pushing Venezuela into making threats against Cuba by taking the case to the Organization of American States.

"Between the peoples of Venezuela and Cuba there never will be war," the statement continued. "It doesn't matter what the OAS and its masters in Washington decide."

The Cuban statement identified the three Cubans as Antonio Briones, 27; Manuel Gil Castellanos, 25, and Pedro Cabra Torres, 29.