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Cuba Charges U.S. Violated Air Space

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HAVANA, May 27—Cuba today charged that a U.S. military helicopter from the Guantanamo Naval Base landed in Cuban territory in what it called an "important and offensive provocation by the United States Government."

An Armed Forces Ministry communique said the incident occurred yesterday morning and that the helicopter stayed on Cuban territory, some 200 yards from the base perimeter, for six minutes.

It warned that such actions could lead to a "serious incident."

"We don't have any evidence that such a violation occurred," a Pentagon spokesman said in Washington yesterday, after the Navy had

checked with its 4000-man Guantanamo base. At the State Department, officials said no protest had been lodged through the Czechoslovakian embassy, which looks after Cuban interests in the United States.]

Today's communique said, "This is the second time that the United States Government has committed an act of this magnitude against our country."

"This act constitutes one more important and offensive provocation by the United States Government, determined to perpetrate crimes against our territory in the zone of the naval base," the statement added.