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Castro Would See Kissinger

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Cuban Premier Fidel Castro said Tuesday night that he is willing to hold talks with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger if the United States lifts its trade embargo.

Castro disclosed that he

was about to meet a representative of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, staff member Pat Holt, who has traveled here with the authorization of the State Department.

In remarks to Agence France - Presse made during a visit to the Argentinian

embassy, Castro said the State Department's approval of Holt's visit might signify "a certain change" in U.S. policy.

Describing Kissinger as a "realist," Castro said he has no objections to meeting him for talks on the condition that the blockade ceases

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first.

"It has no logical or moral justification," he said.

Castro observed that the United States trades with the Socialist countries of Europe on a large scale. "So why do we have to suffer a blockade which lacks any basis?" he asked.

He said Holt's visit had been suggested by Senator J. William Fulbright, the committee chairman. Fulbright had conveyed the committee's interest in observing Cuba through its own sources with a view to the conduct of its policy.

The Cuban government

views the committee's initiative as "positive," Castro said.

Cuba has proved that victorious resistance to the United States is possible, Castro also said. Washington cannot maintain the embargo indefinitely, he added.

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