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by Chuck Noe

With the Cold War seemingly won decades ago and the United States focused on terrorism and the Middle East, few Americans worry about communism. But close to home, Latin America's far left is rising with a vengeance that threatens U.S. interests and security.

Cuba is no longer the only socialistic regime in the Western Hemisphere. Get ready for a new 'domino effect':

- * Castro allies have won power in Venezuela, Ecuador, Chile and Latin America's largest country, Brazil.

- * Communist guerrillas have wreaked havoc in Peru, Colombia and Bolivia.

- * Growing economic crises threaten such debt-ridden nations as Argentina and Uruguay.

With Republicans now controlling both houses of Congress, specialists expect Washington to attend to "Latin America's populist movements that target U.S. policy as one of its adversaries," Mark Severino of the Council on Hemispheric Affairs told *The Washington Times*.

Protests against President Hugo Chavez, an intimate of communist Cuban dictator Fidel Castro, have become routine. U.S. observers share the concerns of Venezuelans.

Chavez threatens freedom in Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru and Brazil, warns Constantine C. Menges, a senior fellow with the Hudson Institute and a former assistant for national security to President Ronald Reagan.

"That could bring nearly 300 million people under the control of pro-Castro/Iraq radical regimes before 2004—a major gain for anti-U.S. terrorism and a major setback for the people there and for the Bush administration," Menges recently told CNN.

A three-letter word explains why Venezuela matters so much: oil. Caracas, the world's No. 5 exporter of petroleum, has Washington over a 42-gallon barrel.

A general strike against Chavez in December paralyzed Venezuela's oil industry, which fills more than 10 percent of America's supply. Such disruptions can recur at any time.

If unchecked, Chavez and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva will cement "a powerful axis of evil right in the Western Hemisphere," Menges recently warned the

Dwell on the past and you'll lose an eye; forget the past and you'll lose both eyes. Old Russian Proverb

Institute of World Politics.

A group of congressmen, including Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., and Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., has expressed alarm to the White House about da Silva's potential nuclear threat. A critic of Brazil's adherence to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, da Silva said during his campaign that compliance "would make sense only if all countries that already have [nuclear] weapons also gave them up."

Brazil's military has secretly exported 8 tons of uranium to Iraq, and 20 missile scientists have defected to Iraq, Menges reports.

However, just as the Bush administration needs Chavez's oil, it craves da Silva's cooperation for the proposed Free Trade Agreement for the Americas, a hemispheric trade zone that would dwarf the controversial North American Free Trade Agreement.

"Given the ideological differences, the Bush administration will nevertheless work closely with Brazil," according to Sean Carroll, senior fellow at the Inter-American Dialogue, a policy group in Washington.

Then there's the specter of double-digit inflation. And the \$230 billion question: Will da Silva default on Brazil's crushing foreign debt, as some bankers fear? Stay tuned.

Leftist former coup leader Lucio Gutierrez won the presidency in a second round of voting Nov. 24. He becomes the sixth leader in six years for Ecuador, where 6 out of 10 people live in squalor.

Though he has vowed to maintain fiscal discipline, Gutierrez has promised his people he will avoid austerity measures and spend more on health and education.

During a recent visit to Quito by Castro and Chavez, the latter denied that a Latin "leftist axis" was taking place. The Cuban dictator, however, issued no such denial.

Gutierrez, a self-styled populist and former army colonel, said on Dec. 4 that he would rule Ecuador with a "firm hand." He suggested at least 20 years in prison for thieves. Such is the course of left-wing populism in hard times.

The first foreign city visited by da Silva since his election in Brazil: Buenos Aires. The reason: to boost the trade bloc Mercosur.

Appearing with President Eduardo Duhalde, da Silva proposed a common regional currency and parliament. "We are seeking true integration, following the example of the European Union," he said.

Argentina needs a boost. In year four of a recession, it has defaulted on its foreign debt, seen its currency lose more than two-thirds of its value and watched half its population slide into poverty.

"I love my country, but the government is leaving its people to die of hunger," Ana Maria Ramirez, a mother of four, said

during a December march in which protesters demanded food from supermarkets.

The second foreign capital visited by da Silva: Santiago. His eager audience: Chile's second socialist president, Ricardo Lagos.

Lagos styles himself a moderate, unlike Marxist President Salvador Allende, who was deposed with the CIA's help in 1973. Rate him a moderate challenge for the Bush administration.

Sign of a thaw: Chile and the U.S. sealed a free-trade accord in mid-December.

The Maoist guerrillas of the Shining Path and Tupas Amaru Revolutionary Movement have lost momentum, but economic and social turmoil continues.

"There is growing disillusion with democracy," President Alejandro Toledo said in December when urging the European Union to open its markets. Peru's privatization program and austerity measures have sparked deadly riots.

President Bush and Commerce Secretary Donald Evans have visited Lima to support Toledo's republican government, which replaces the failed authoritarian regime of Alberto Fujimori. Toledo needs all the help he can get.

The source of 90 percent of the cocaine and much of the heroin used in the United States, Colombia faces a dual threat: Marxist guerilla groups, including Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia and the rightist AUC paramilitary. Both sides traffic in drugs.

In addition to its 38-year-long civil war, the nation is infamous as the world's kidnapping and murder capital. The government of President Alvaro Uribe acknowledges 2,000 to 3,000 abductions and 23,000 to 26,000 murders a year. Twenty-one of those murders resulted from a mortar attack by guerrillas during Uribe's inauguration in August.

State Department officials hope that U.S. assistance will help curb the coca crop, the communist rebels' source of funding. The price is steep: The Bush administration has given more than \$1 billion to Bogota.

Before his ouster as treasury secretary in December, Paul O'Neill implied that aid to Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil could end up in Swiss bank accounts.

"He hasn't been that friendly, but the administration has been. If you look at the IMF packages that went out to Uruguay and to Brazil, you can't actually say that the administration hasn't reached out," said Paul Masco of Salomon Smith Barney.

Indeed. The International Monetary Fund's latest boost to Uruguay: an increased line of credit of \$1.5 billion.

Why bother to call them "loans"? Pursing its promise to alleviate Bolivia's entire bilateral debt, the U.S. has forgiven \$500 million over the past decade, according to The

Associated Press. Other nations are less lavish, or less foolish: South America's poorest country still owes \$4.4 billion to them.

Paraguayan President Luis Gonzalez Macchi denies that Muslim terrorists operate in the area where his country meets Brazil and Argentina. "But it has been detected that some members of the Islamic community in the area make financial contributions," he admitted in December after meeting with Brazil's da Silva.

A Paraguayan prosecutor earlier said that Hezbollah ter-

rorists were recruiting from the 20,000 Lebanese Muslims in the "triple border" region.

And that's just South America. Even closer to home, the U.S. must cope with Castro's ties to terrorism, Chinese control of the Panama Canal, the millions of illegal aliens invading from Mexico, Guatemala, Haiti...

On the bright side: Canada hasn't attacked yet, except verbally.

—*NewsMax.com*, February 2003, p. 56-58

The Communist Workers World Party

By Michael Kelly

The left in America has for a long time now resembled not so much a political movement as a contest to see how many schismatics could dance on the head of a pin, a conversation that has gone from being national to factional to simply eccentric. At some point, progressive politics reached a state where freeing Mumia was considered critical and electing a Democratic president was considered optional.

Then came Sept. 11, and the left found itself plunged into a debate on a subject of fundamental importance. And this was a debate in which to be of the left was to be, by definition, involved: In al Qaeda and in the Taliban and in Saddam Hussein's Iraq, liberal civilization faced an enemy that represented nearly every evil that liberalism has ever stood against.

What was the left going to do? A pretty straightforward call, you might say. America has its flaws. But war involves choosing sides, and the American side — which was, after all, the side of liberalism, of progressivism, of democracy, of freedom, of not chucking gays off rooftops and not stoning adulterers and not whipping women in the town square, and not gassing minority populations and not torturing advocates of free speech — was surely preferable to the side of the "Islamofascists," to borrow a word from the essayist and former man of the left, Christopher Hitchens.

Which is the point: Hitchens is a former man of the left. In the left's debate, Hitchens insisted that progressives must not in their disdain for America allow themselves to effectively support the perpetuation of despotism, must not betray the left's own values. Others — notably the political philosopher Michael Walzer, the independent essayist Andrew Sullivan, New Republic writer Jonathan Chait and *New York Observer* columnist Ron Rosenbaum — also made this argument with great force and clarity.

The debate is over. The left has hardened itself around

the core value of a furious, permanent, reactionary opposition to the devil-state America, which stands as the paramount evil of the world and the paramount threat to the world, and whose aims must be thwarted even at the cost of supporting fascists and tyrants. Those who could not stomach this have left the left — a few publicly, as did Hitchens and Rosenbaum, and many more, I am sure, in the privacy of their consciences.

Last weekend, the left held large antiwar marches in Washington, San Francisco and elsewhere. Major media coverage of these marches was highly respectful. This was "A Stirring in the Nation," in the words of an approving *New York Times* editorial, "impressive for the obvious mainstream roots of the marchers."

There is, increasingly, much that happens in the world that the *Times* feels its readers should be sheltered from knowing. The marches in Washington and San Francisco were chiefly sponsored, as was last October's antiwar march in Washington, by a group the *Times* chose to call in its only passing reference "the activist group International Answer."

International ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism) is a front group for the communist Workers World Party. The Workers World Party is, literally, a Stalinist organization. It rose out of a split within the old Socialist Workers Party over the Soviet Union's 1956 invasion of Hungary — the breakaway Workers World Party was all for the invasion. International ANSWER today unquestioningly supports any despotic regime that lays any claim to socialism, or simply to anti-Americanism. It supported the butchers of Beijing after the slaughter of Tiananmen Square. It supports Saddam Hussein and his Baathist torture-state. It supports the last official Stalinist state, North Korea, in the mass starvation of its citizens. It supported Slobodan Milosevic after the massacre

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America Under Siege

By David Horowitz

America's enemies within turned out in force on Saturday in Washington DC and San Francisco under the auspices of the Communist Workers World Party operating under its front organization, A.N.S.W.E.R. Once again the demonstrators pretended to be peace activists, who found violence abhorrent and a willing media played along with the charade. Neither the *New York Times* nor the *Los Angeles Times* nor any media I saw identified the organizers as Communists who have a long record of support for world terror and its leaders including the Ayatollah Khomeini, Kim Jong Il, Slobodan Milosevic and Saddam Hussein.

As reported by the unfiltered cameras of C-Span, the pretense, in fact, was pretty thin. One of the featured speakers was a spokesman for the narco-terrorists in Colombia who opened his rant (all the speeches fell into this category) with, "We have to stop America's war against the people of Iraq, and the people of Palestine, Colombia and the world." America is supporting the government of Colombia against a brutal communist guerrilla force that has been waging civil war there for half a century. Come to think of it, America's enemies in Palestine are the terrorist organizations Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the al-Aksa Martyrs terrorist brigade. And in Iraq, there is a dictator who has slaughtered hundreds of thousands of his own people and has attempted to swallow the country of Kuwait. The spokesman for the Colombian narco-terrorists was quite candid (and why not, since he knows that the American media will present him as a "peace activist" anyway). "As revolutionaries," he said to the crowd, "as progressives, we have to resist American imperialism."

Then came Imam Mussa from the mosque Masjid al-Islam. Like most of the cast assembled by A.N.S.W.E.R., the Imam had also been a speaker at the Millions For Reparations March last August — which was more about denouncing America as a racist, imperialist monster than making a case for compensation for any specific injustices (See my report, "Reparations Buffoons On The Washington Mall."). Here is a sample of the rhetoric at that march from Malik Zulu Shabazz (one of the few who was not at the "peace" event): "The President wants to talk about a terrorist named bin Laden. I don't want to talk about bin Laden. I want to talk about a terrorist called George Washington. I want to talk about a terrorist called Rudy Guiliani. The real terrorists have always been the United Snakes of America."

When he got going, the Imam Mussa dotted the i's and crossed any t's that the narco-terrorist spokesman had missed, telling the crowd that the regime change they wanted was in

Washington not Bagdad, and that they really didn't want a regime change at all. "We 're calling for a System change," he said. Revolution. "We won't get any justice as long as that criminal Congress is up there. We're calling for revolution. It's revolution time, brothers and sisters. We have to get rid of greedy murderers and imperialists like George Bush in the White House." The Imam then led the crowd — are you ready for this — in the chant the suicide bombers use as they blow up innocent men, women and children — Allahu Ahkbar! Allahu Ahkbar! Allahu Akhbar!"

Democratic NY City Councilman and former Black Panther Charles Baron was also a speaker at the Millions for Reparations March, where he announced he needed to assault a white person for his "mental health." On this occasion he kept his racism in check, but not his rhetoric. "If you're looking for the Axis of Evil," he raved, "then look inside the belly of this beast." He went on to attack America's "monopoly capitalists" (a technical term which veterans of the left will recognize as the mark of Communist and Maoist sectarians) who of course were the puppeteers pulling the President's strings.

Damu Smith, head of "Black Voices for Peace," returned to Baron's theme and made it specific. "Bush, Cheney and Rumsfeld," he said, "that's the Axis of Evil."

Larry Holmes "co-founder" of the sponsoring organization who also hosted the Millions for Reparations March, then led the crowd in chants to free two convicted murderers, Mumia Abu Jamal and Jamin al Alamin (H. Rap Brown). This was a set-piece also during the Millions for Reparations March.

It would be reassuring if one could report that a single speaker or face in the televised crowd dissented from the stew of anti-American, anti-white, anti-Jew hatred or the violent incitements, but not one did. The crowd relished the show and was in total sympathy with the message.

Another striking fact about this march in support of global terrorism was the presence of prominent Democrat officials on the platform. In San Francisco, the most powerful Democrat legislator in the state, John Burton, screamed, "the President is full of sh**" and that the President was "fu**ing with us," while encouraging the general sentiment that America rather than Iraq was the outlaw state. In Washington, Democratic hopeful Al Sharpton attended and DC ex-congresswoman Cynthia McKinney read a speech with the following claim: "In no other country on the planet do so many people have so little as they do in this country." This from a person who notoriously commandeered a taxpayer-funded limousine

to take her from her townhouse one block to her congressional offices every morning.

More disturbing by far was the presence of two of the most powerful Democrats in Congress, the potential head of the Ways and Means Committee, Charles Rangel, and the potential head of the Judiciary Committee, John Conyers, who is of course the author of the Reparations Bill and the icon of the Communist organizers of both marches. Rangel's appearance was especially troubling because he has been a nightly face on TV news shows presenting himself as a patriot and a veteran (he served fifty years ago in Korea) who wanted a military draft so that all America would be involved in the nation's defense. His critics thought he had other agendas, like using conscription to sabotage the war effort. Apparently his critics were correct.

Americans who care about their country and its future should think about the following. This anti-American pro-terrorist movement is now larger than the anti-Vietnam pro-Communist "peace" movement was until the very end of the Six-

ties. Yet there is no draft. Before the draft the anti-Vietnam movement was very, very small. Its demonstrations were numbered in the hundreds of participants, not even the thousands. The first big manifestation of the anti-American left was the Stop the Draft March in Oakland in 1965, which was four years after America's involvement in Vietnam got serious.

The second thing Americans should think about is the fact that this anti-American support movement for America's enemies has deep roots in the Democratic Party. I am a firm believer in the two-party system. I find it extremely worrying, therefore, that one party can no longer be trusted with the nation's security. This problem will not be easily fixed. But it won't be fixed at all unless attention is drawn to it, and we cannot do that unless we stop the charade of calling this a "peace" movement and recognize instead that it is an anti-American movement to divide this country in the face of its enemies and give aid and comfort to those who would destroy us.

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A Communist Paradise

By Martin Sieff

A flood of refugees from North Korea in recent years has allowed the intelligence services of China and South Korea for the first time to piece together a reliable profile of life in the closed communist state.

The picture that emerges is one of an impoverished, destitute, ferociously monitored totalitarian state, which lacks even the electrical power to light up apartments of its showcase capital city, Pyongyang, at night.

"If there is any society on earth bereft of hope today, North Korea is probably it," one senior East Asian intelligence source said.

The famine that swept North Korea since the mid-1990s, and its dire effects, are still shaking the reclusive, mountainous land of 25 million people.

According to senior East Asian intelligence sources, nearly 250,000 people have succeeded in fleeing North Korea since the death of the nation's founder and ruler for nearly half a century, Kim Il-sung, in 1994.

According to North Korea's own secret but official figures, at least 2 million people out of a population then at 27 million—almost half that of the state of California—died in the famine, the intelligence sources said.

But they cautioned that the North Korean state was in such a condition of decay that these figures could not be regarded as reliable.

Some 100,000 refugees made it to South Korea, includ-

ing a handful of top-level defectors from the North's communist leadership.

At least another 250,000 North Koreans remain hidden in Northeast China, where they live in conditions of extreme privation, uncertainty and destitution.

Child labor and prostitution are common in the area.

Because of China's own growing vast unemployment problem, the Beijing government lacks the control and the resources to bring the problem under control.

Therefore, China is reduced to simply trying to prevent more refugees from crossing the border and sending back those it catches.

So horrendous were the conditions they fled in North Korea that even this miserable existence in China is preferable to staying in their homeland.

The worst of the famine is over, at least for the moment, but life inside North Korea remains a grim, hand-to-mouth existence with conditions once again getting slowly and steadily worse.

What's more, the decay is clear to North Korea's ruling elite.

In order to provide a modicum of pay and morale, the Pyongyang government is attempting to carry out ambitious public works projects.

In one instance, an enormous 14-lane highway is being

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A Communist Paradise, Part II

By Erik Cornell

Having lived and served in North Korea at two occasions and followed the country for 30 years, the most profound impression I have kept from innumerable discussions and negotiations with North Koreans is of the consequences of centuries of isolation. Korea was a vassal state of China until the late 19th century, and refused to admit foreigners. Then it became a Japanese colony and the isolation was, if possible, even more severe until 1945. Then, South Korea was integrated in world politics and became a parliamentary democracy, but the North continued its isolation, locked up in the communist orbit. Knowledge of the outside world is negligible in North Korea; understanding of it is plainly absent.

For lack of competition, ancient East Asian beliefs alone survived and are, because of isolation, believed to be the common heritage of all mankind. North Korea became a Confucian museum, covered by a thick but superficial layer of Marxism-Leninism's red paint. Confucianism imbued the people with a conviction of being morally superior to others, especially to South Koreans, while communism taught them that "scientific socialism" had given them the keys to the future.

In North Korea, history begins with Kim Il Sung. Apart from arbitrary flashes of heroic resistance (purportedly performed by Kim's ancestors) against colonialists and capitalists (America and Japan), the nation has no conscious past. The result is a people in full armor of impregnable self-assurance as the possessors of morality, truth and the future. You cannot argue with them because they don't bother to reply. They ignore your reasoning. It is therefore best to forget about looking for verbal compromises, and instead concentrate negotiations on determined and concrete practical measures.

The outcome of the Korean War was consequently seen as a temporary victory for the forces representing the dustbin of history and defeat of the side of morals, truth, etc. The rulers in Seoul are seen as only a U.S. puppet government, not worthy of respect. The two parties to the Korean war, according to Pyongyang, were the U.S. and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), full stop. For half a century, a leading aim of Pyongyang's foreign policy has been stubbornly demanding to be recognized by Washington as its exclusive negotiating partner. It was, of course, denied this until the catastrophe of the 1990s made it unavoidable to en-

ter into discussion on the KEDO project, and bilateral contacts were finally taken up.

The revival of the issues of the nuclear reactor and missile launching consequently testifies simply to Pyongyang's eager wish to renew fresh bilateral contacts with Washington, and all self-appointed, benevolent mediators are rejected as immoral. To this perennial wish should also be added the urgent need of oil. Lack of oil halts tractors in the fields and prevents the distribution of food—hence the old agreement of receiving oil in exchange for halting the nuclear reactor. Cutting off oil deliveries could logically only lead to the present North Korean reaction—blackmail.

Media articles have urged China to use its influence over Pyongyang. Quite right, China is the only power able to do so. China is the only exception to the age-old North Korean isolation. For North Koreans, China is their frame of reference, the whole known world. It saved them in 1950, and now prevents the KPRK from collapsing. It must never be overlooked that China has, though grudgingly, accepted concessions on its own territory like Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan, but twice gone to war over the control over northern Korea, in 1895 and 1950. The Chinese now speak softly and give only hints, just like they did in 1950. They give the North Koreans free hands in details but have clearly shown where the line of trespassing goes. This has been the state of affairs in Korea for at least a thousand years, and everybody is supposed to understand that this remains the case. The North Koreans know the rules of the game since times immemorial, and play by them.

Pyongyang's present trouble-making and the absence of Chinese reactions may therefore be a quiet reminder that North Korea lies within Beijing's sphere of influence, and that China retains its control and guarantee over what happens in the area. As the local saying goes on solemn occasions: Beijing and Pyongyang are as close as lips and teeth. We should also be open to the likelihood of the Korean conflict being solved according to principles other than clear-cut Western style agreements. For Westerners, black and white, light and darkness are in opposition. In the Far East, Yin and Yang are seen as complementary.

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at Srebrenica. It supports the mullahs of Iran, and the narco-gangsters of Colombia and the bus-bombers of Hamas.

This is whom the left now marches with. The left marches with the Stalinists. The left marches with those who would maintain in power the leading oppressors of humanity in the world. It marches with, stands with and cheers on people like the speaker at the Washington rally who declared that “the real terrorists have always been the United Snakes of America.” It marches with people like the former Black Panther Charles Baron, who said in Washington, “if you’re looking for an axis of evil then look in the belly of this beast.”

The *Times*’ “mainstream” Americans marched last weekend with people who held signs comparing the president and vice president of their country to Hitler, and declaring, “The difference between Bush and Saddam is that Saddam was elected,” and this one: “I want you to die for Israel. Israel sings Onward Christian Soldiers.”

March on.

—*The Washington Post*, January 23, 2003

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built between Pyongyang and a regional center.

But the old road it is going to replace has little more than a trickle of oxcart traffic, one East Asian intelligence source said.

Work on the highway in question was being carried out by thousands of laborers, without bulldozers or other heavy earth-moving or rock-breaking machinery.

Still, there appears to be no direct or foreseeable threat to the ruling communist regime of leader Kim Jong-il, who inherited power on his father’s death in the communist world’s first dynastic succession.

Ordinary people in the North, South Korean analysts believe, are too exhausted and demoralized by the struggle for existence to think of any protest, and in any case have hardly known anything different all their lives.

North Korea was a harshly ruled Japanese colony for decades before 1945, when the communist regime was established with strong support by the Soviet Union.

—*The Washington Times*, January 8, 2003, p. A 20

A Cuban Mole

By Bill Gertz

A Cuban mole who operated at the highest levels of the Defense Intelligence Agency is likely to have helped Russia and China obtain pilfered intelligence secrets, according to a senior DIA official.

DIA senior intelligence analyst Ana Belen Montes originally came under suspicion of being a spy for Cuba’s communist government in 1994. However, DIA and FBI counter-spies could not prove she was engaging in espionage and Montes continued passing secrets to Havana until she was discovered in late 1999.

It is considered one of the most damaging spy cases for the U.S. government because Montes had access to defense secrets and was able to influence U.S. policy.

Montes pleaded guilty to passing defense secrets to Cuba in March as part of a plea agreement. In October, she was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

The senior DIA official disclosed new details of the spy case in an interview. The official agreed to be interviewed on the condition of anonymity.

Asked whether the secrets Montes supplied to Cuba were passed on to Moscow or Beijing, the senior official said: “Absolutely, that’s a concern.”

The damage caused by Montes’ activities as a Cuban spy for 17 years is currently being investigated by the office of

the National Counter-intelligence Executive, an interagency counterintelligence program.

Cuba’s government in the past had close ties to Russia’s intelligence services and Moscow until recently operated a major electronic eavesdropping post at Lourdes, Cuba.

The Havana government also is developing closer ties to China’s military and hosted several visits to Cuba by high-level Chinese generals.

“The fact that she had access to virtually everything on Cuba is significant and a major concern to us,” the official said.

Officials suspect that Cuba could have used the thousands of pages of DIA intelligence reports to barter for other goods and means of support from Russia and China.

“Our concern would be what Cuba did with the information...the fact that Cuba would have access to this information and presumably, if they thought it was worth anything to Russia, China or anybody else, would have no doubt passed it on,” the senior officials said.

Montes’ value to Cuban intelligence was in providing detailed information on U.S. military secrets. “It would appear that because of her position, she could tell the Cuban government what we know about their military, what we knew about their positions, and perhaps even more important, what we didn’t know, whatever the gaps might be,” the senior official said.

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