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On Nov. 11, 70 Cuban refugees arrived in Miami, Florida, from Panama. Some members of the group have resided in Panama since 1983. The refugee relocation effort is being financed by the National Cuban American Foundation. Lourdes Quirsh, coordinator of the foundation's Exodus Program, told Notimex that another 130 Cubans were scheduled to arrive on Nov. 15. She said the foundation planned to arrange the relocation of still others in January. The Exodus Project has provided assistance in relocating over 5,900 refugees in the US from temporary host or third countries. About 1,700 Cuban refugees are currently residing in Venezuela, and another 2,500 in Panama. The US State Department has authorized thousands of visas for Cuban refugees. Entry to the US has been delayed due to lack of sufficient sponsors. (Basic data from Notimex, 11/11/90)

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