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According to a Nov. 30 report by the Cuban government's international news service Prensa Latina, Cuban and Soviet officials have promised to continue stalemated talks on Soviet troop withdrawal. [For previous coverage of the Cuban-Soviet negotiations, see NotiSur 11/27/91.] President Fidel Castro was quoted as saying, "We are opposed to the Soviet withdrawal while the [US] military base at Guantanamo is maintained." The Prensa Latina report said the talks, which commenced Nov. 15, would be continued, but provided no further details. On Dec. 2, the independent Soviet news agency Interfax reported that Moscow will not accept Cuban demands to link Soviet troop withdrawal to the dismantlement of the US military base at Guantanamo. [Sources: Prensa Latina (Cuba), Associated Press, 11/30/91; Spanish news service EFE, 12/02/91]

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