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During a March 30 press conference, Manuel Limonta, director of the Havana-based Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology Center, said that for the past six years Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) has been successfully retarded through treatment with an interferon drug developed by the Center. According to Public Health Ministry statistics, as of March 1, at least 61 people in Cuba have died of AIDS, 106 suffer from the disease, and 733 are known carriers of the Human Immuno-deficiency Virus (HIV). At present, the Cuban government is emphasizing the economic potential of bio-tech industries. Limonta said scientists and pharmaceutical company representatives from 500 countries are expected to attend the 4th Havana Biotechnology Encounter in June this year. (Source: Notimex, 03/30/92)

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