TUE 11/10/15 MIN MAG: CUBAN MIGRANTS

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STIFF WINDS AND ROUGH SEAS HAVEN'T KEPT
CUBANS FROM ATTEMPTING TO CROSS THE STRAITS
AT A NEAR-RECORD PACE.

THE COAST GUARD SAYS THEIR CUTTERS HAVE INTERCEPTED MORE THAN 400 CUBANS IN JUST THE PAST MONTH.

CAPTAIN JEFF JANSZEN SAYS THE RECENT WAVE DOES NOT QUALIFY AS A MASS MIGRATION...
BUT IT DOES REPRESENT AN UP-TICK AT A TIME OF YEAR WHEN THE GUARD NORMALLY SEES A DROPOFF IN NUMBERS...

[:24] VERY BUSY THIS LAST MONTH [FILE #75171]

THE SPECULATION IS THAT MORE CUBANS ARE DESPERATE TO MAKE IT TO AMERICA...
BEFORE THE U-S DOES AWAY WITH ITS WET-FOOT-DRY-FOOT POLICY, AS OUR 2 COUNTRIES MOVE TO NORMALIZE DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS. ANYONE ENCOUNTERING MIGRANTS AT-SEA SHOULD CONTACT THE COAST GUARD IMMEDIATELY ON V-H-F CHANNEL 16...

OR CALL SECTOR KEY WEST SEARCH AND RESUCE AT 305-292-87-27.

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