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**Fernando Gonzalez Tours Nicaragua, Meets with Cuban Cooperators**

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**Cuban anti-terrorist fighter Fernando Gonzalez met in Managua with members of the Cuban brigades of doctors and teachers and representatives of the diplomatic mission of his country in Nicaragua.**

During the meeting, González stressed the importance of continuing efforts to achieve the return of his three companion prisoners in U.S. jails.

Fernando, along with Gerardo Hernandez, Antonio Guerrero, Ramón Labañino and René González, was arrested in 1998 in the United States for monitoring groups that organized and financed violent actions against Cuba.

After fully serving their sentences, René and Fernando returned to their country, but Ramon, Gerardo and Antonio remain in prison and face long sentences.

Fernando, also vice president of the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples, pointed out that this is a political case and the decisions to be taken about it must be political as well.

The decision of arresting us, the allegations against us, the manipulation of information, everything was tainted by political factors, he said.

After his arrival in Nicaragua last Saturday, Fernando toured Granada, Masaya and Leon, where he was declared Beloved Son and received the keys to these cities.

In addition, he was awarded the order Edgard Manguía Álvarez, granted by the student movement at the University of León, and in this city he received a copy of the letter testament of Rigoberto López, prominent Nicaraguan fighter.