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Sergio has left us. A little while ago I heard the news about his cremation on television. He was much younger than I. If we had more knowledge about health, perhaps he wouldn't have gone so soon. I learned from him when visiting the lovely mountains in the centre of the island. I was an admirer of his principles. I am certain that he wouldn't have wanted his ashes to lie in the capital's cemetery. I hope that his relatives, or whoever else has the right to do so, decide to place them in some Escambray forest where a tree can grow together with his memory. I shall accept any decision with sincere honesty.

Fidel Castro Ruz

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