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To Michelle

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Per Spanish English Dictionary
Spanish word for aim is objeto + Spanish for object is objeto

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I want to say to Major Lorenzo today, and to all of you, that I will not rest until all Cuban families are united again in freedom. I call on Fidel Castro to let Vicky Lorenzo and the children leave Cuba without delay.

I'm not a Johnny-come-lately to the fight for Cuba's freedom. I won't waffle on that commitment, and I won't quit until it is achieved.

I'm the President who pressed the Soviets and Russians to cut their support, pull out their troops, and send an unmistakable signal to Cuba of its complete isolation. And I'm proud that I did. /

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Castro likes to say that any person who wants to leave Cuba may go. All it takes, he says, is an American visa. Well, over a year ago, we issued a

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Unidad Cubana

October 23, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISTINA MARTIN

FROM:

MICHELE NIX *MN*

SUBJECT:

CUBAN DEMOCRACY ACT SIGNING

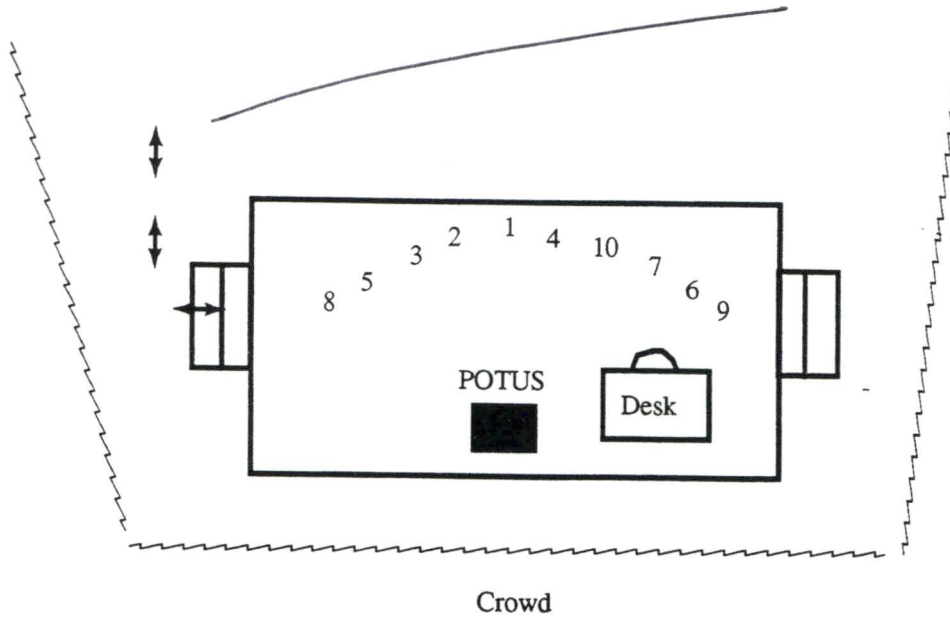
Here is the dais diagram from Craig Ray. Add Connie Mack. Dan has checked off the names that Jeb mentioned. However, he says that although Jeb did not mention the other ones -- it's probably safer to add those names -- rather than snub someone.

Jeb called Dan this morning to say he really liked the speech. He also said that he would not be introducing his father. Armando Codina will be making the introduction -- so we need to add his name to the top of the speech.

Please add the following edits to the section on Major Lorenzo. These edits come from a conversation with Frank Calzon of Freedom House, who happened to be in the same room with Major Lorenzo when I called. They both suggested the following edits and all have been cleared by Dan.

Michelle Nix
Researcher

TAB E
MIAMI, FLORIDA
Omni International Hotel
Douglas Room
Dais Diagram
Friday, October 23, 1992



1. Jeb Bush, Chairman, Florida Bush-Quayle Campaign
2. Connie Mack, United States Senator
- ✓ 3. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Member of Congress
- ✓ 4. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, ~~Florida State Senator~~ Florida State Senator running unopposed for Congress.
- ✓ 5. Al Cardenas, Co-Chair, Dade County Bush-Quayle Campaign [CAR-da-nous]
6. Tomas Garcia Fuste, News Director, Radio Mambi
- ✓ 7. Jorge Mas Canosa, Chairman, Cuban American National Foundation
8. Armando Perez Roura, News Director, WQBA
9. Ariel Remos, Editor, Diario Las Americas
- ✓ 10. Carlos Salman, Co-Chair, Dade County Bush-Quayle Campaign [SAL-mahn]

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CUBA

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CUBA STATEMENT
MIAMI, FLORIDA
FRIDAY, OCT. 23, 1992

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Michelle — per Ted Bush
sent memo to Christine asking those words to star of
Cuba speech — "Thank you, Armando [Godina], for those
warm words."
That's it — Ted loved speech.

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Cuba Democracy Act Signing
Miami
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Acknowledgements

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Frank Carlson

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WASHINGTON

October 22, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHELE NIX

FROM: DAN MC GROARTY

SUBJECT: CUBA EVENT/JEB BUSH

✓ We will need to fax a draft to Jeb Bush, at (305) 520-2401.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DAN MC GROARTY *DMG*
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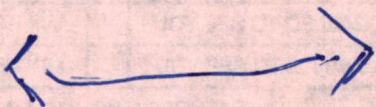
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Freedom
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dictators cling to power is a fact that will soon become a footnote. We are witnessing the collapse of the communist idea, the demise of the crippling concept of the all-powerful state.

There are many reasons for this collapse. But in the end, one fact alone explains what we see today. Its advocates saw the triumph of communism written in the laws of history, and they failed to see the love of freedom written in the human heart.

I know there's a Spanish saying about the Castro regime that is true -- in any language: "In las noventas, se revienta." (Applause.) I guarantee you -- freedom will come to Cuba. Make no mistake about it. (Applause.) And none of you professors give me a grade on my accent, either.

But the change we see doesn't stop at America's doorstep. Here at home we've got to ask: How can we open the doors of opportunity for every American? Our challenge, our new American destiny is to give the American Dream room to grow. And to make that destiny our own, we must advance American ideals, help communism's old captive nations take their place among the world's democracies. We must advance America's economic interests, meet the competitive challenge of a new world economy.

Here in Miami, we see this new American economy in microcosm. This city is the hub, the economic gateway to the Americas. Here's the figure: Forty-five percent, nearly half of all U.S. trade with Latin America passes through the Miami area. And that translates into 35,000 jobs in the Miami area alone tied to trade. And here's what that means for the graduates that are here today. Your standard of living, your opportunities, your future are certain to be influenced by the world beyond our shores. Now, I know that there are some who see a different future. People who want a sound retreat; run from the new realities; seek refuge in a dream world of economic isolationism, or protectionism.

Those voices have nothing to say to this nation. There is no turning back. There is no hiding from the new reality. We have no choice but to compete. The new reality of our new world economy is simply this: To succeed economically at home, we must lead economically abroad. (Applause.) And, finally, if we want to make a new American destiny our own, we've got to bridge the gap between the American people and the government that's meant to serve it.

I know there's a discontent. Travel around the country; you can't help but feel it -- a deepening cynicism about the way things work or fail to work in Washington. A doubt about one person's ability to change, really change the system. To them, government has grown more distant. Too often, the government we get is not accountable, it is not effective, it is not efficient; and, regrettably, it's not compassionate.

It's not that people are apathetic. It's that people are angry with government. Many of you recycle empty cans and plastic bottles because, when it comes to the environment, you believe that one individual's actions can make a difference. But when it comes to self-government, cynicism kicks in, and too many people have come to doubt the power of a single vote.

This didn't happen just overnight. It's the legacy of a theory of government grown too used to promising what government will do for the people. And this theory fails to see that people don't want government to make their decisions for them -- they want government that gives them the freedom to choose.

And they want a government that spends within its means in the way families do. And they want welfare programs that provide opportunity -- not the dead-end street of dependency. And they want

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FAX TRANSMITTAL SHEET

FROM: John McShare
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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Statement on the Cuban
Democracy Act of 1992

I am pleased to sign into law the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992. This bill embodies many of the measures that my Administration has taken over the last four years to bring about a peaceful transition to a democratic Cuba.

Our policies and our principles -- our ^{mightily} steadfast opposition to Castro's dictatorship -- are contributing significantly to that goal. Today Castro stands more isolated than ever before. In a democratic world, communist governments no longer hold sway. Cuba's special relationship with the former Soviet Union is no more, and we have worked to ensure that no other government helps a Cuban regime that so ^{Luiciously} mercilessly represses the basic freedoms of its people.

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~~knows hes a have been~~

If you wish to double check there (or get others) call Bernie Aronson, an Asst Secy at

the State Dept for the facts
Also, didnt POTUS refer to Cuba's freedom in his Houston Conv speech? That's a good cite, too
"I'm the one who..."

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Statement on the Cuban

Democracy Act of 1992

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Our policies and our principles -- our steadfast opposition to Castro's dictatorship -- are contributing significantly to that goal. Today Castro stands more isolated than ever before. In a democratic world, communist governments no longer hold sway. Cuba's special relationship with the former Soviet Union is no more, and we have worked to ensure that no other government helps a Cuban regime that so mercilessly represses the basic freedoms of its people.

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October 22, 1992

CUBA DEMOCRACY ACT SIGNING

Omni International Hotel -- Douglas Room

500 attendees

Jeb introducing the President

Time: 5:45 p.m.