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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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Monday, May 20, 1991

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
IN RECOGNITION OF CUBAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Oval Office

THE PRESIDENT: On May 20th, Cuban Americans commemorate the 89th anniversary of Cuban independence, a day that celebrates the heroic efforts of the people who forged the Cuban republic.

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Eighty-two years later, Cubans banded together, and after a long brutal struggle built their own republic. Today we remember that victory for freedom and hope for its renewal in Cuba.

Freedom demands sacrifice. And the battle for freedom draws upon people's most heroic instincts and abilities. Jose Marti, a hero of freedom, the father of Cuban independence said, "To witness a crime in silence is like committing it." So today we again reiterate unwavering commitment for a free and democratic Cuba. Nothing shall turn us away from this objective.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

91 MAY 15 9:08

DATE: 5/15/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ---

SUBJECT: SCRIPT FOR CUBAN INDEPENDENCE DAY AUDIO MESSAGE

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
Assistant to the President  
and Staff Secretary  
Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

91 MAY 14 PM 5:14

May 14, 1991

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST  
BARRIE TRON

FROM: PAUL LUTHRINGER

SUBJECT: SCRIPT FOR CUBAN INDEPENDENCE DAY AUDIO MESSAGE  
ON MAY 16, 1991 AT 1:30 P.M.

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Luthringer  
May 14, 1991  
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91 MAY 16 11:47

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

3483

DATE: 5/9/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: MONDAY 5/13/91 10:00AM

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL AUDIO MESSAGE FOR CUBAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 13, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

May 14, 1991

NSC staff concurs, with suggested changes.

cc: Phillip Brady

Brent Scowcroft

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
Assistant to the President  
and Staff Secretary  
Ext. 2702

P.S. TALKED TO STUART LIPPE AT STATE.  
Cuba Desk  
RE: BOFEEL  
PAUL LOSTARINGER

91 MAY -9 PM 4:25

PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL AUDIO MESSAGE  
FOR CUBAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Luthringer  
May 9, 1991  
Draft one  
CUBA

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~~[America owes a great deal to the people of Cuba.]~~

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This is a good thought, but - move prosperity to the sphere of US-Soviet relations

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1991

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

DAVID DEMAREST  
BARRIE TRON

FROM:

PAUL LUTHRINGER

SUBJECT:

SCRIPT FOR CUBAN INDEPENDENCE DAY AUDIO MESSAGE  
ON MAY 16, 1991 AT 1:30 P.M.

I. SUMMARY

Attached for your consideration and review is the draft script for your audio taping on May 16th. You are scheduled to tape one message for Cuban Independence Day.

II. DISCUSSION

At 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 1991, you are scheduled to tape an audio message commemorating Cuban independence.

As you are aware, May 20, 1991, marks the 89th anniversary of Cuban independence. This message will honor Cuban Americans for their pride in freedom and democracy, and also recognize the Cuban quest for liberty under the oppression of dictator Fidel Castro.

This message does not have a time constraint.

Luthringer  
May 14, 1991  
Draft Two  
CUBA

PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL AUDIO MESSAGE  
FOR CUBAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

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PRESIDENTIAL AUDIO MESSAGE  
FOR CUBAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

91 MAY 16 9:47

91 MAY 15 AM 10:55

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ON MAY 20TH, CUBAN-AMERICANS COMMEMORATE THE 89TH ANNIVERSARY OF CUBAN INDEPENDENCE -- A DAY THAT CELEBRATES THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF THE PEOPLE WHO FORGED THE CUBAN REPUBLIC.

THE HISTORY OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES IS CLOSELY INTERTWINED. DURING OUR OWN REVOLUTION, WHEN AMERICAN TROOPS WERE SHORT ON SUPPLIES, THE WOMEN OF HAVANA BANDED TOGETHER AND RAISED MONEY FOR THE CAUSE OF AMERICAN FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE.

EIGHTY-TWO YEARS LATER, CUBANS BANDED TOGETHER AND, AFTER A LONG BRUTAL STRUGGLE, BUILT THEIR OWN REPUBLIC. TODAY, WE REMEMBER THAT VICTORY FOR FREEDOM -- AND HOPE FOR ITS RENEWAL IN CUBA.

FREEDOM DEMANDS SACRIFICE, AND THE BATTLE FOR FREEDOM DRAWS UPON PEOPLE'S MOST HEROIC INSTINCTS AND ABILITIES. CONTEMPORARY CUBAN HEROES LIKE GUSTAVO ARCOS, RICARDO BOFILL [BOFEEL], AND ARMANDO VALLADARES [VAHLAHDARES] CONTINUE STRUGGLING TO MAKE THEIR HOMELAND FREE.

ANOTHER HERO OF FREEDOM, THE FATHER OF CUBAN INDEPENDENCE, JOSE MARTI SAID: "TO WITNESS A CRIME IN SILENCE IS LIKE COMMITTING IT." SO TODAY, WE AGAIN REITERATE UNWAVERING COMMITMENT FOR A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC CUBA. NOTHING SHALL TURN US AWAY FROM THIS OBJECTIVE.

I ASK FIDEL CASTRO TO MAKE THIS AN INDEPENDENCE DAY TO REMEMBER.

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IF CUBA HOLDS FULLY FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION, RESPECTS HUMAN RIGHTS, AND STOPS SUBVERTING ITS NEIGHBORS, WE CAN EXPECT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES TO IMPROVE SIGNIFICANTLY.

THANK YOU -- AND MAY GOD BLESS THE FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE OF CUBA AND THE UNITED STATES.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 13, 1991

91 MAY 13 AIO: 45

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Audio Message for Cuban  
Independence Day

We have reviewed the attached proposed presidential audio message and have no comments from a policy standpoint. We approve the message in its current form.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/9/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: MONDAY 5/13/91 10:00AM

PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL AUDIO MESSAGE FOR CUBAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

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**REMARKS:**

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 13, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

**PHILLIP D. BRADY**  
Assistant to the President  
and Staff Secretary  
Ext. 2702

91 MAY -9 PM 4:25

Luthringer  
May 9, 1991  
Draft one  
CUBA

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

91 MAY 13 12:16

DATE: 5/9/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: MONDAY 5/13/91 10:00AM

PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL AUDIO MESSAGE FOR CUBAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

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REMARKS:

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RESPONSE:

NO COMMENTS. THANKS.

HOLLY WILLIAMSON  
5-13-91



PHILLIP D. BRADY  
Assistant to the President  
and Staff Secretary  
Ext. 2702

**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

91 MAY 13 11:59

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RESPONSE:

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**PHILLIP D. BRADY**  
Assistant to the President  
and Staff Secretary  
Ext. 2702

91 MAY -9 PM 4:25

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May 9, 1991  
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**RESPONSE:**

OK. S.F.

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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

91 MAY 13 A 9:45

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RESPONSE:

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 13, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

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RESPONSE:

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PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL AUDIO MESSAGE  
FOR CUBAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

On May 20th, Cuban-Americans commemorate the 89th anniversary of Cuban Independence -- a day that celebrates the heroic efforts of the people who forged the Cuban Republic.

America owes a great deal to the people of Cuba. During our own revolution, when American troops were short on supplies, the women of Havana banded together and raised 1.2 million livres for the cause of American freedom and independence.

One-hundred-twenty-six-years later, Cubans banded together and, after a long brutal struggle, built their own republic. Today, we remember that victory for freedom -- and hope for its renewal in Cuba.

Freedom demands sacrifice, and the battle for freedom draws upon people's most heroic instincts and abilities. Contemporary Cuban heroes like Alfredo Mustelier Nuevo [MOOSTEHLEHR NOOEHVVO] and Armando Valladares [VAHLAHDAHRES] continue struggling to make their homeland free.

Another hero of freedom, the father of Cuban Independence, Jose Marti said: "To witness a crime in silence is like committing it." So today, we again reiterate unwavering commitment for a free and democratic Cuba. Nothing shall turn us away from this objective.

I call on Fidel Castro to free political prisoners in Cuba and allow the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to investigate possible human rights violations in Cuba.

I challenge Mr. Castro to reduce and eliminate the Soviet military presence.

I challenge Mr. Castro to follow Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and Chile in their achievement of new democracies. Do what Daniel Ortego did. Put democracy to a test. Hold free and fair elections.

Nintey-Nine percent of the people of this hemisphere live either in a democracy or a country that is on the road to democracy. One percent live under the hemisphere's last dictator -- Fidel Castro.

On Cuban Independence Day our demands are plain and clear: "Freedom and democracy, Mr. Castro -- not some time; not some day, but now."

Thank you -- and may God bless the freedom-loving people of Cuba and the United States.

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