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FRIDAY, OCT. 23, 1992 \ 5:45 P.M.

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DATE: 10/22/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ----

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CUBA DEMOCRACY ACT SIGNING, MIAMI, FL - 10/23

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REMARKS:

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RESPONSE:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DAN MC GROARTY *DMG*
SUBJECT: CUBAN DEMOCRACY ACT SIGNING

Tomorrow, at 5:45 p.m., you will deliver remarks (6 minutes, on cards) to approximately 700 people gathered at the Omni International Hotel in Miami, Florida for the signing of the Cuban Democracy Act. The remarks have been prepared with input by Jeb.

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In today's democratic world, communist governments no longer hold sway. Cuba's special relationship with the former Soviet Union has ended. And we've worked to ensure that no other government helps this cruelest of regimes.

The result: Castro has become an outcast even among dictators. He is not a leader -- he's a warden. His beaches are not borders -- but his confines of freedom. //

But the tide is running out. For years, the Cuban community has energized Miami. Someday freedom-loving people will change that island for the better -- just like America has changed the world.

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__ years ago the Abraham Lincoln of Cuba, that great patriot Jose Marti [Mar-TEE], said simply, "To beautify life is to give it an object." I agree. *(any) goal.*

Our object^{is} is human liberty -- the liberty that people all over the world are choosing by their votes. The Cuban people deserve no less. That is why the Cuban Democracy Act strengthens our embargo. It will speed the inevitable demise of the Castro dictatorship.

The legislation I sign today reflects my determination that the Cuban government will not benefit from U.S. trade or aid until the Cuban people are free. And it reflects another belief. I'm not going to let other^S governments prop up Castro with aid or sweetheart trade deals. //

All of this is not designed to hurt the Cuban people. I am saddened by their suffering and loss of freedom ... by families

split apart. Sons and daughters lost at sea. But let's make it clear: Cuba suffers because Castro refuses to change. /

Our policy and this bill allow for humanitarian donations of food and medicine to nongovernment organizations in Cuba -- help that will get to the Cuban people. And it allows for improved communications between the United States and Cuba -- so that all of you can maintain contact with family members.

I wish there were another way -- but there's not. Our policy is the only way to put it plain and simple: "Democracy, Mr. Castro -- not some time, not some day, but now. //

We will not provide life support to a dictatorship which should be dead. // *in the history books (perhaps) a great book* *reluctant* *is saying*

There will never be normal relations with Cuba as long as Castro sustains his illegitimate regime -- as long as he intimidates and does violence to a brave and courageous people.

I have challenged Fidel Castro before, and now I challenge him again.

Mr. Castro, let a United Nations human rights representative come to your island nation.

Mr. Castro, put your leadership to the test of the ballot box. Let your people decide.

Mr. Castro, call off your secret police -- and let the Cuban people choose their leaders and their future. / Let your people live in freedom. Let Cuba be free. //

When Cuba is free, a million free Cuban-Americans will be united with their long-suffering Cuban brothers. Nowhere has the

pain and anguish of family separation been more eloquently stated than in a letter Barbara received from Major Orestes Lorenzo. /

As all of you know, Major Lorenzo heroically escaped from Cuba a year and a half ago -- but he could not free his family. Despite humanitarian pleas from the world over, Castro keeps Major Lorenzo's wife, Vicky, and their two young sons hostage in Cuba.

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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It is my firm belief that during my second term as President, you will be reunited with your loved ones. And that I will be the first President to set foot on the soil of a free and independent Cuba.

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	Christina Martin		

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Christina — please call Michele (7750) to confirm that you received this.

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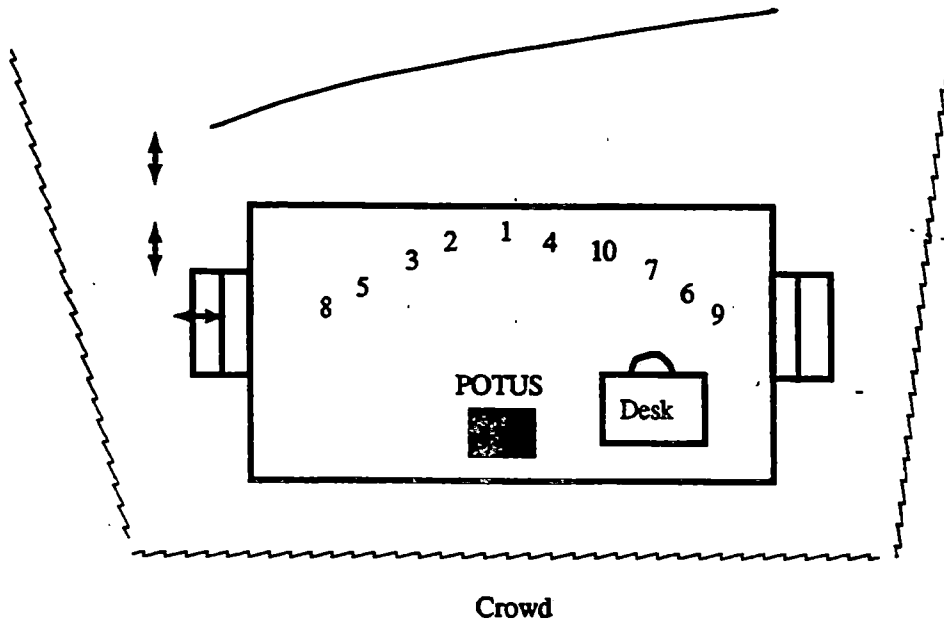
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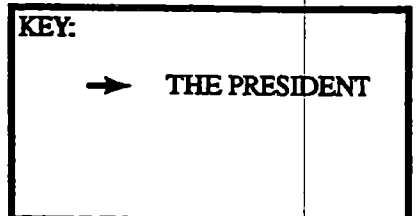
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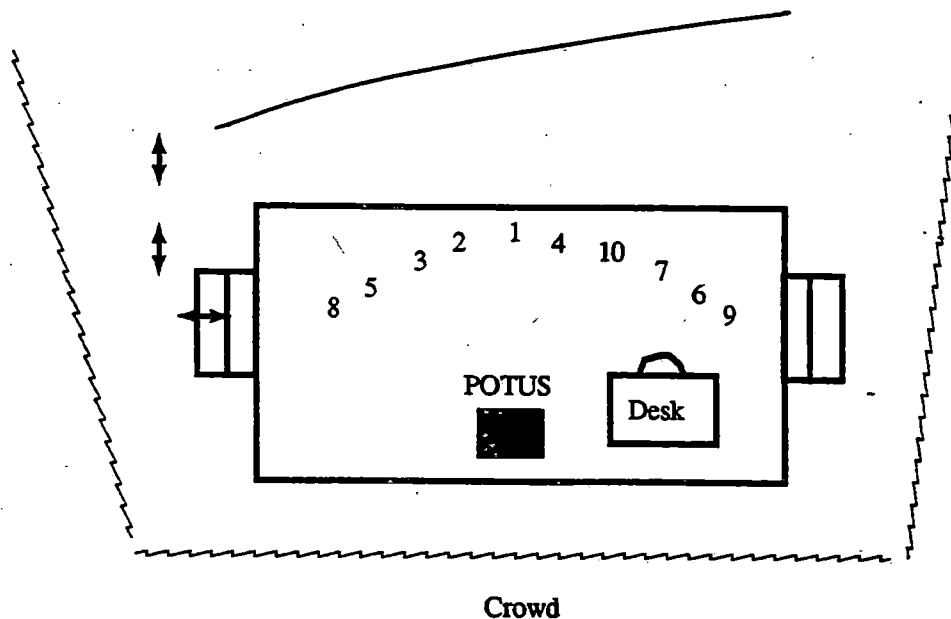
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ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Cuban Democracy Act of 1992

Pursuant to Phil Brady's request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter and has no objection to the proposed presidential remarks.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/22/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 3:00PM, TODAY, OCT. 22
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Table with columns for names and checkboxes for ACTION and FYI. Includes names like VICE PRESIDENT, BAKER, SCOWCROFT, DARMAN, BATES, BRADY, BROMLEY, CALIO, DEMAREST, FITZWATER, GRAY, HOLIDAY, HORNER, MCBRIDE, MOORE, MULLINS, PETERSMEYER, PORTER, PROVOST, ROSS, SMITH, TUTWILER, ZOELICK, KAUFMAN, GROOMES, MCGROARTY.

REMARKS:

Please provide comments on the attached directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, with a copy to this office NO LATER THAN 3:00PM, TODAY, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
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Ext. 2702

Statement on the Cuban

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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.

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The NSC concurs without changes.

[Signature]
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There will never be normal relations with Cuba as long as Castro's dictatorship remains in place, and he continues to deny the people universally accepted human rights, economic opportunity, and the freedom to choose their own leadership. And Castro knows -- as everyone else knows -- that the only way he is

able to sustain his illegitimate regime is through intimidation and violence, and by adding to the misery of the Cuban people. Fidel Castro is even afraid to allow a United Nations human rights representative to travel to Cuba. That presents too great a challenge to the dictatorship.

I have challenged Fidel Castro before, and now I challenge him again. Hold free and fair elections. Put your leadership to the test of the ballot box. Call off your thugs and secret police, and let the Cuban people choose their leaders and their future.

In speaking of the suffering of the Cuban people, I am reminded that many of you have been separated from family and friends for many years. Nowhere has the pain and anguish of such family separation been more eloquently stated than in a letter Barbara received from Major Orestes Lorenzo. As all of you know, Major Lorenzo heroically escaped from Cuba a year and a half ago, but was not able to get his family out. Despite humanitarian pleas from the world over, Castro keeps Major Lorenzo's wife, Vicky, and their two young sons hostage in Cuba. I want to say to Major Lorenzo today, and to all of you, that I will not rest until Cuban families are united again in freedom. I call on Fidel Castro to let Vicky Lorenzo and the children leave Cuba without delay.

A free and democratic Cuba is a goal I've long sought. It is my firm belief that during my second term as President, I will set foot on the soil of a free and independent Cuba, and that you

will be reunited with your loved ones. 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 accomplished. The Cuban people have suffered enough. Change must come. Cuba must be free. The day of the dictator is over and Castro must go. Thank you and God Bless the people of Cuba and the United States of America.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/22/92 3:00PM, TODAY, OCT. 22
 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: _____
 PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CUBAN DEMOCRACY ACT OF 1992
 SUBJECT: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1992

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REMARKS:
 Please provide comments on the attached directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, with a copy to this office NO LATER THAN 3:00PM, TODAY, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22.
 Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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CUBA

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

X Thank you, Armando [Codina] for those warm words.
It's great to be among so many friends. Ileana Ros-
Lehtinen. Her new counterpart -- Lincoln Diaz-Balart. / I
salute the veterans of the 2506 Brigade -- heroes in America and,
yes, in your homeland. //

Let me recognize Carlos Salmon. Al Cardenas. Jorge Mas --
one of the key forces behind the Cuban Democracy Act. And let me
offer a special recognition to the representatives of ^{La Unidad [UN-ee-}
~~the United~~ ^{dod.}
~~Front for Democracy~~ -- champions of a free Cuba. //

We share a history -- a commitment to struggle. We've
worked for years toward a single goal -- a common dream. We want
a free and democratic Cuba. /

Today I am delighted to take the next step toward that dream
with the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992.

Our policies and principles rest on a single belief: For
freedom to rise in Cuba -- Fidel Castro must fall.

In today's democratic world, communist governments no longer
hold sway. Cuba's special relationship with the former Soviet
Union has ended. And we've worked to ensure that no other
government helps this cruelest of regimes.

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The result: Castro has become an outcast even among dictators. He is not a leader -- he's a warden. His beaches are not borders -- but his confines of freedom. //

But the tide is running out. For years, the Cuban community has energized Miami. Someday freedom-loving people will change that island for the better -- just like America has changed the world.

We will not rest until we stop those who mock the rights we treasure: Rights of speech, religion, assembly, and economic freedom. / That means: Mr. Castro -- we want you going, going, gone. //

One hundred years ago the Abraham Lincoln of Cuba, that great patriot Jose Marti [Mar-TEE], said simply, "To beautify life is to give it an ^{aim} ~~object~~." I agree.

^{aim} Our ~~object~~ is human liberty -- the liberty that people all over the world are choosing by their votes. The Cuban people deserve no less. That is why the Cuban Democracy Act strengthens our embargo. It will speed the inevitable demise of the Castro dictatorship.

The legislation I sign today reflects my determination that the Cuban government will not benefit from U.S. trade or aid until the Cuban people are free. And it reflects another belief. I'm not going to let other ^S ~~governments~~ ^S prop up Castro with aid or sweetheart trade deals. //

All of this is not designed to hurt the Cuban people. I am saddened by their suffering and loss of freedom ... by families

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split apart. Sons and daughters lost at sea. But let's make it clear: Cuba suffers because Castro refuses to change. /

Our policy and this bill allow for humanitarian donations of food and medicine to nongovernment organizations in Cuba -- help that will get to the Cuban people. And it allows for improved ~~communications~~ between the United States and Cuba -- so that all of you can maintain contact with family members.

I wish there were another way -- but there's not. Our policy is the only way to put it plain and simple: "Democracy, Mr. Castro -- not some time, not some day, but now. //

We will not provide life support to a dictatorship which is dying,
~~should be dead.~~ //

There will never be normal relations with Cuba as long as Castro sustains his illegitimate regime -- as long as he intimidates and does violence to a brave and courageous people.

I have challenged Fidel Castro before, and now I challenge him again.

Mr. Castro, let a United Nations human rights representative come to your island nation.

Mr. Castro, put your leadership to the test of the ballot box. Let your people decide.

Mr. Castro, call off your secret police -- and let the Cuban people choose their leaders and their future. / Let your people live in freedom. Let Cuba be free. //

When Cuba is free, a million free Cuban-Americans will be united with their long-suffering Cuban brothers. Nowhere has the

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As all of you know, Major Lorenzo heroically escaped from Cuba when he flew his Mig to South Florida and asked for political asylum. a year and a half ago -- but he could not free his family.

Despite humanitarian pleas from the world over, Castro keeps Major Lorenzo's wife, Vicky, and their two young sons hostage in Cuba. ^{little Alexander and Reyniel} [RAY-neel]

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. /

I'm the President who urged our friends in Latin America to let Castro know he's a has-been. And I'm proud that I did. /

It is my firm belief that during my second term as President, you will be reunited with your loved ones. And that I will be the first President to set foot on the soil of a free and independent Cuba.

I know there's a Spanish saying about the Castro regime that is true -- in any language: "In las noventas, se revienta." / I guarantee you -- freedom will come to Cuba. The Cuban people

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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guarantee you -- freedom will come to Cuba. The Cuban people have suffered enough. Change must come -- and it will. Cuba must -- and will -- be free. //

Thank you and God Bless the people of Cuba and the United States of America. [[Now, I will sign the Defense Authorization Act -- giving force of law to the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992.]]

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Miami, Florida)

For Immediate Release

October 23, 1992

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN SIGNING CEREMONY FOR H.R. 5006,
NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Omni Hotel
Miami, Florida

5:48 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very, very much. And may I thank Armando for that warm introduction -- and all of you for this reception. I am very, very pleased to be here. It's great to be among so many friends. And this is a very special day, and we've got one standing up here who deserves very special credit -- our great Senator Connie Mack. (Applause.) And also a great friend, Congressman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen -- (applause) -- joined in the Congress now by Lincoln -- Lincoln Diaz Balart. (Applause.) And may I salute the veterans of the 2506 Brigade who are here -- (applause) -- heroes of America and heroes in your homeland. (Applause.)

Tomas Garcia Fuste and Armando Cadina, Perez Roura -- (applause) -- Ariel Remos, and, of course, let me recognize another old friend, Carlos Salman -- (applause) -- and Al Cardenas and Jorge Mas -- (applause.) Where's Jorge? Hey, Jorge is the only guy that can take on that 60 Minutes crowd and come out ahead. You know, that was very good. (Laughter.) He did. he did just great, and he's one of the key forces, of course, as so many in this room -- but he was one of the very key forces behind this Cuban Democracy Act. And let me offer a special recognition to the representatives of La Unidad -- champions of a free Cuba. (Applause.)

Now, we share a history -- a commitment to struggle. We've worked years toward this single goal -- common dream -- because everyone here wants a free and democratic Cuba. Today I am delighted to take the next step toward that dream with the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992. Our policies and principles rest on a single belief: For freedom to rise in Cuba Fidel Castro must fall. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Viva Bush! Viva Bush! Viva Bush!

THE PRESIDENT: In today's democratic world, communist governments no longer hold sway. And Cuba's special relationship with the former Soviet Union has all but ended. And we've worked to ensure that no other government helps this, the cruelest of regimes. (Applause.) And the result: literally, you look around the world and you see that Castro has literally become an outcast among dictators. He's not a leader, he's what you call a warden. His beaches are not borders -- but his confines of freedom.

And the tide is running out. For years, this Cuban community has energized Miami. Someday freedom-loving people will change that island for the better -- just like America has changed the entire world. (Applause.) And none of should rest and relax until we stop those who mock the rights that we treasure: Rights of speech, religion, assembly, and economic freedom.

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One hundred years ago the Abraham Lincoln of Cuba, that great patriot Jose Marti, said simply, "To beautify life is to give it an aim." To beautify life is to give it an aim -- and I agree with that. Our aim is human liberty -- (applause) --

AUDIENCE: Viva Bush! Viva Bush! Viva Bush!

THE PRESIDENT: People are choosing liberty all over the world by their votes. The Cuban people deserve no less. That's why this Cuban Democracy Act strengthens our embargo. It will speed the inevitable demise of the Cuban Castro dictatorship.

The legislation that I sign today reflects our determination -- mine and yours -- that the Cuban government will not benefit from U.S. trade or aid until the Cuban people are free. And it reflects another belief. I'm not going to let others prop up Castro with aid or some sweetheart trade deal.

All of this is not designed to hurt the Cuban people. I am saddened by their suffering and loss of freedom. Many of you in this room have families there, and I'm saddened by families that are split apart. Sons and daughters lost at sea. And let's make it clear: Cuba suffers because Castro refuses to change.

Our policy and this bill allow for humanitarian donations of food and medicine to nongovernment organizations in Cuba -- help that will get to the Cuban people. And it allows for improved communications between the United States and Cuba, so that all of you can maintain contact with family members.

Our policy is the only way to put it plain and simple: "Democracy, Mr. Castro -- not sometime, not some day, but now. (Applause.) Put it this way -- put it this way -- we simply will not provide life support to a dictatorship which is dying. There will never be normal relations with Cuba as long as Castro sustains this illegitimate regime -- as long as he intimidates and does violence to a brave and courageous people.

I have challenged him before, and now I challenge him again. Mr. Castro, let a United Nations human rights representative come to your island nation. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Viva Bush! Viva Bush! Viva Bush!

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Castro, put your leadership to the test of the ballot box and let your people decide. (Applause.) And call off your secret police -- and let the Cuban people choose their leaders and their future. Let your people live in freedom. That is the message to Cuba today. (Applause.)

You know, when Cuba is free, a million free Cuban Americans will be united with their long-suffering Cuban brothers. Nowhere has the pain and anguish of family separation been more eloquently stated than in a letter that Barbara received from Major Orestes Lorenzo, who is with us here today. Where is the Major -- right here. (Applause.)

As all of you know, he heroically escaped from Cuba when he flew his MiG to South Florida a year and a half ago and asked for political asylum. But he could not free his family. Despite humanitarian pleas from the world over, Castro keeps Vicky, Major Lorenzo's wife, and their two little sons, Alexander and Reyniel, hostage there in Cuba.

I want to say to the Major here today, and to all of you, that I will keep working until all Cuban families are united again in freedom. (Applause.) You know, Castro likes to say that any person who wants to leave Cuba may go. Well, all it takes, he says, is an American visa. Well, over a year ago, we issued a visa for the Major's family -- and still they're barred

from leaving that country. And the answer is today to Mr. Castro: Do what's decent. Do what's right. You say everybody can leave -- let the Lorenzo family go. (Applause.)

One cannot help with the emotion, looking around this room and seeing the commitment here. I get it in a very special way, obviously, through my son, Jeb, who's a friend to many here; and through my dear friend, Armando Cadina, who introduced me, who makes -- who sensitizes me to this struggle that everyone in this room has been involved in.

And we've been in this. And I say "we" proudly. We've been in this for a long time, and we are not going to back away from this commitment. We're not going to listen to these editorials that tell me how to run the foreign policy of this country and to change this policy. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

THE PRESIDENT: We are not going to quit until -- we've got a little enthusiasm over here -- until that is achieved. And you must remember that this administration -- and I am the President who pressed the Soviets and the Russians to cut back their support and pull out their troops and send an unmistakable signal to Cuba of its complete isolation.

And we're the ones, you and I together, who urged our friends in Latin America to let Castro know that he's out of things, he's a has-been. And it is my firm belief that during -- I really believe this -- that during my second term as President, you will be reunited with your loved ones. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Viva Bush! Viva Bush! Viva Bush!

THE PRESIDENT: And I am certain in my heart that I will be the first American President to set foot on the soil of a free and independent Cuba. (Applause.)

Thank you. Thank you all. And God bless you. And now I will sign the Defense Authorization Act -- giving the force of law to the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992. (Applause.)

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