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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 05/04/2000 12:34:57 PM
FROM Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FW: recent trends in Haitian migration [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

I made a few changes...the 2 boats interdicted were in 99...oct (I think) and Dec31/jan1. changed rafting season to hurricane season..and cosmetic change on drought sentence. look ok / If so please send back to AV . i gotta fly to the Pentagon be back in an hour.

-----Original

Message-----

From: Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)

Sent: Thursday, May

04, 2000 12:28 PM

To: Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)

Subject: recent

trends in Haitian migration [UNCLASSIFIED]

Caryn -- please review.

thanks -- WLP

Please pass to Sandy. cc: Mara. Thanks --
WLP

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We expect a steady,

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3. latest Haitian boat in the Bahamas --

We are trying

to learn more about the recent group of Haitians who landed in the Bahamas in order to inform our assessment of why and how people are leaving Haiti at present. Our sources are the Bahamian authorities, who are handling the migrants, and the UNHCR.

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SUBJECT Haitian migration trends [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Bash, Brooks L. (EXSEC)
Bradtke, Robert A. (EXSEC)
Crocker, Bathsheba N. (NSA)
Gray, Wendy E. (NSA)
Jacobson, Tracey A. (ADMIN)
Joshi, M. Kay (EXSEC)
Kale, Dora A. (NSA)
Millison, Cathy L. (EXSEC)
Moretz, Sheila K. (NSA)
NSA Email
Rudman, Mara E. (NSA)
Scott-Perez, Marilyn L. (NSA)
Siberell, Justin H. (NSA)
Storey, Sharon V. (NSA)
Sutphen, Mona K. (NSA)

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SUBJECT RE: trends in Haitian migration [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)

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From: Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)

Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2000 5:53 PM

To: Valenzuela, Arturo A.
(INTERAM)

Subject: FW: trends in Haitian migration [UNCLASSIFIED]

Arturo

-- just waiting for your clearance. Do you have any comments? Would like to send tonight -- WLP

-----Original Message-----

From: Patten,

Wendy L. (MULTI)

Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2000 1:00 PM

To: Valenzuela,

Arturo A. (INTERAM); Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)

Cc: @INTERAM -

Inter-American; @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs

Subject: trends

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FROM Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)

CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT updated Elian guidance [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Anderson, Brooke D. (NSCCOMM)
Brown, Katherine A. (PRESS/INTERN)
Crowley, Philip J. (PRESS)
Gobush, Matthew N. (VP)
Hammer, Michael A. (PRESS)
Hoelzer, Jennifer I. (PRESS/INTERN)
Stockwell, David B. (PRESS)
Wozniak, Natalie S. (PRESS)

CARBON_COPY Avery, Dale R. (INTERAM)
Hammer, Michael A. (PRESS)
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Merletti, Roger D. (INTERAM)
Shannon, Thomas A. (INTERAM)
Snowden, Deniz (INTERAM)
Valenzuela, Arturo A. (INTERAM)
Allen, Charles A. (LEGAL)
Baker, James E. (LEGAL)
DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Hunerwadel, Joan S. (LEGAL)
Krass, Caroline D. (LEGAL)
Scharfen, Jonathan R. (LEGAL)
Williams, Mary C. (ADMIN)
Burrell, Christina L. (LEGIS)
Lackey, Miles M. (LEGIS)
Shapiro, Daniel B. (LEGIS)
Tavlarides, Mark J. (LEGIS)
Feldman, Daniel F. (MULTI)
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CUBAN BOY
May 5, 2000

CONTEXT: Today's Miami Herald reports that at least two dozen Cuban diplomats and their family members have visited Elian Gonzalez since he moved to Wye Plantation and states that the Miami relatives feel his is being reindoctrinated on U.S. soil. Cuban diplomats may visit the Gonzalez family at Wye as they wish, provided that they notify the Department of State 72 hours in advance. If the travel will occur within the next 72 hours, they must request State's permission. While State has granted such time-excepted requests for travel to Wye by Cuban diplomats and their children, State has not authorized overnight stays. We have urged the Cuban Interests Section to exercise restraint regarding the number of persons and length of visits. Discussions between State and Cuban officials continue on this score.

Several visitors arrived from Cuba last week to spend time with Elian Gonzalez and his family at the Wye River Plantation. On April 26, a kindergarten teacher and Elian's 10-year-old cousin arrived in DC, and on April 27, four of Elian's schoolmates and a parent of each arrived in the U.S. to spend two weeks with Elian and his family. The Gonzalez family pediatrician also arrived on April 27, but came with 3 boxes of medicine that were confiscated by US Customs at the port of entry because the doctor is not licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. She was allowed to keep a small amount of medicine for personal use. Other visas requests remain pending.

Congressional hearings on the INS raid to transfer Elian Gonzalez to his father's care have been postponed indefinitely. In court action, Juan Miguel Gonzalez and the Miami relatives each filed briefs with the Federal Court of Appeals for the

11th Circuit in Atlanta on May 1. Oral argument is set for May 11. On April 27, the court rejected a request by the Miami relatives to restrict Elian's meetings with Cuban officials, psychologists, and physicians, grant access to him by the physician treating him in Miami and by "his" lawyers, and appoint an independent official to decide with whom Elian should meet. The court accepted the Justice Department's offer of regular reports from physicians and a social worker hired by INS. The court continued its order that Elian may not be taken to any place with diplomatic immunity, a request that was not opposed by the Justice Department. On April 19, the 11th Circuit issued an injunction, preventing Elian Gonzalez's removal from the U.S. pending its decision on the Miami relatives' appeal. While the court suggested that a 6-year-old might have the right to apply for asylum against the wishes of a parent, this ruling is preliminary and does not necessarily predict the outcome of the full appeal.

Are you concerned about Cuban diplomats spending a lot of time at Wye with Elian?

* The Gonzalez family, which must remain here until the 11th Circuit injunction is lifted, is living in a foreign country and they do not speak English. It is customary for consular officials to visit their nationals and provide assistance.

* What's most important is that this boy has been reunited with his sole surviving parent, and the time they are spending together will help them to become a strong family again.

* We direct you to the State Department for further information.

Will you issue visas to the others who have requested them, including Cuban physicians?

* We have issued visas to four of Elian's schoolmates, and a parent of each. They are arrived last week and will visit with Elian and his family for up to two weeks. Elian's 10-year-old cousin, his former kindergarten teacher, and the Gonzalez family pediatrician, who were previously granted visas, also arrived last week. The remaining visa requests are under review.

[IF ASKED] Why is a Cuban pediatrician here to see Elian and his family?

* The pediatrician was issued a visa to visit the family. She cannot practice medicine in the state of MD without a license to do so. However, she could serve as a consultant to a licensed MD physician who could provide whatever care Elian, his infant brother, or any other person staying with the Gonzalez family might require.

* When she arrived, the Customs Service confiscated certain medicines that were not for her personal use. They will not be returned to her until she departs the United States.

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Cuban television has shown images of a home and school where Elian would live for several months after his return. Some have called this a reeducation camp. Does this give you cause to reconsider sending Elian back to Cuba?

* As the Attorney General has said, the focus of this case is on the role of the boy's father in raising him. This father has been very involved in raising his son, and we are glad that they have been reunited so that he can continue to do so.

What assurances are you seeking from the Cuban government -- should Elian return

to Cuba -- that he would not be used as propaganda, would not be placed in a special school, and would return to his "normal" life?

* Elian Gonzalez cannot return to Cuba until the federal court injunction is lifted. He cannot be taken to a place with diplomatic immunity.

* From the beginning, we have tried to de-politicize this case, and we have spoken to Cuban officials in Havana, Geneva, and Washington about the need to do so.

* Officials from the State Department have met with representatives of the Cuban Interests Section in Washington and voiced concern on how Elian would be treated in the event he returns to Cuba. These conversations have been constructive. We will continue to discuss with Cuban officials Elian's treatment should he return to Cuba.

Do you think the father really wants to return to Cuba, or is he unable or unwilling to speak freely?

* Under our law, the father is free to apply for asylum if he wishes. It's our understanding that he has said clearly that he wants to return to his country.

* He has had numerous meetings alone with his attorney and also met with the Attorney General and INS Commissioner without any Cuban officials present.

What is the White House's role in the matter at this juncture?

* The Justice Department and State Department continue to play their respective leading roles in this matter. Of course, we continue to be in close touch with Justice and State on this important issue.

[IF ASKED] Did the White House press the INS to change its position

in this case
in early December, after INS had said the matter should be resolved
by a family
court, in order to prevent a Cuban migration crisis?

* No. White House officials did not seek to, nor did they, influence
the INS
decision in this case. It was made by the responsible authorities
following the
law and INS rules and procedures.

How do you respond to allegations that you are using this case as a
tool to
improve relations with Cuba?

* Our only objective is to see that the INS decision in this case is
carried out
in accordance with the law.

The 11th Circuit's ruling seems to indicate that INS is wrong on the
law, and
that even a six-year-old has the right to apply for asylum against the
wishes of
a parent. Are you concerned that Justice may lose the appeal?

* This was a preliminary ruling on a request for an injunction to
prevent the
boy's removal from the U.S. while the 11th Circuit considers the
appeal. The
court has not yet considered all the briefs in this case or heard oral
argument,
so I think we cannot prejudge the result. Beyond that, we will not
comment on
pending litigation.

Why are you trying to send Elian back to Cuba while at the same time
condemning
the deplorable human rights conditions in Cuba?

* The Elian Gonzalez case is about the bond between a child and his
father. This
child needs to be reunited with his father because that is what the law
- and
fundamental principles of family - require.

* We simply cannot take the position that because the government of
a country

denies its citizens human rights, parents in that country must lose their right to raise their child.

What is the US government doing about the altercation outside the Cuban Interests Section in Washington?

* The matter is being investigated by the Washington DC police department.

Why did you wait so long to act in reuniting Elian with his father? In retrospect, do you think the government should have taken steps earlier to resolve this case? Do you think the Attorney General was too hesitant?

* The Justice Department followed a deliberate and careful process in order to reunite this child with his father safely and with as little disruption as possible. It is very unfortunate that Elian's Miami relatives made the enforcement action necessary by their intransigence in handing the boy over to his father voluntarily.

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Exchange Mail

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May 10, 2000

CONTEXT: The Cuban government issued a statement yesterday complaining that Elian's grandparents are ready to travel to Washington to visit him, but have been denied visas. The grandparents have not been denied visas; the requests are under review.

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Have you denied visas to Elian's grandparents? If not, will you issue them visas?

* The State Department has not denied their requests for visas. They just applied for visas last Friday (one applied only on Monday) and their requests are currently being reviewed by the State Department.

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What is the US government doing about the altercation outside the Cuban Interests Section in Washington?

* The matter is being investigated by the Washington DC police department.

Why did you wait so long to act in reuniting Elian with his father? In retrospect, do you think the government should have taken steps earlier to resolve this case? Do you think the Attorney General was too hesitant?

* The Justice Department followed a deliberate and careful process in order to reunite this child with his father safely and with as little disruption as possible. It is very unfortunate that Elian's Miami relatives made the enforcement action necessary by their intransigence in handing the boy over to his father voluntarily.

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 05/12/2000 10:52:20 AM
FROM Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT updated Elian guidance [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)

CARBON_COPY Avery, Dale R. (INTERAM)
Hammer, Michael A. (PRESS)
Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)
Merletti, Roger D. (INTERAM)
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Anderson, Brooke D. (NSCCOMM)
Brown, Katherine A. (PRESS/INTERN)
Crowley, Philip J. (PRESS)
Gobush, Matthew N. (VP)
Hammer, Michael A. (PRESS)
Hoelzer, Jennifer I. (PRESS/INTERN)
Stockwell, David B. (PRESS)
Wozniak, Natalie S. (PRESS)

TEXT_BODY

Mary -- please have a look at the first q and a.

thanks --
WLP

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT CubanboyPG56.doc
CUBAN BOY
May 12, 2000

CONTEXT: The Miami relatives' appeal of the federal district court's decision was argued yesterday in the Federal Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta.

While the court did not set a date for its ruling, it could rule as early as next week, at which point the losing party could seek rehearing before the full court or ask the Supreme Court to hear an appeal. On April 19, the 11th Circuit issued an injunction, preventing Elian Gonzalez's removal from the U.S. pending its decision on the Miami relatives' appeal. While the court suggested that a 6-year-old might have the right to apply for asylum against the wishes of a parent, this ruling is preliminary and does not necessarily predict the outcome of the full appeal. The court subsequently ordered that Elian may not be taken to any place with diplomatic immunity, a request that was not opposed by the Justice Department.

The Cuban government issued a statement on May 9 complaining that Elian's grandparents are ready to travel to Washington to visit him, but have been denied visas. The grandparents have not been denied visas; the requests are under review. Several other visitors have traveled from Cuba to spend time with Elian Gonzalez and his family at the Wye River Plantation. On April 26, a kindergarten teacher and Elian's 10-year-old cousin arrived in DC, and on April 27, four of Elian's schoolmates and a parent of each arrived in the U.S. to spend two weeks with Elian and his family. Their visas have been extended for an additional two weeks. The Gonzalez family pediatrician also arrived on April 27, but came with 3 boxes of medicine that were confiscated by US Customs at the port

of entry
because the doctor is not licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland.
She was allowed to keep a small amount of medicine for personal use.
Other
visas requests remain pending.

On May 5, the Miami Herald reported that at least two dozen Cuban diplomats and their family members have visited Elian Gonzalez since he moved to Wye Plantation and states that the Miami relatives feel he is being reindoctrinated on U.S. soil. Cuban diplomats may visit the Gonzalez family at Wye as they wish, provided that they notify the Department of State 72 hours in advance. If the travel will occur within the next 72 hours, they must request State's permission. While State has granted such time-excepted requests for travel to Wye by Cuban diplomats and their children, State has not authorized overnight stays. We have urged the Cuban Interests Section to exercise restraint regarding the number of persons and length of visits. Discussions between State and Cuban officials continue on this score.

Are you concerned that Justice may lose the appeal that was argued yesterday?
The 11th Circuit's ruling on the injunction seems to indicate that INS is wrong on the law, and that even a six-year-old has the right to apply for asylum against the wishes of a parent. Some of the judge's questions yesterday leaned in that direction.

* We cannot prejudge how the court will rule. Judges ask many questions of both sides during oral argument. Beyond that, we will not comment on pending litigation.

* As to the injunction, this was a preliminary ruling that dealt only with a request for an injunction to prevent the boy's removal from the U.S. while the

11th Circuit considers the appeal.

Have you denied visas to Elian's grandparents? If not, will you issue them visas?

* The State Department has not denied their requests for visas. They just applied for visas last Friday (one applied only on Monday) and their requests are currently being reviewed by the State Department.

* I would direct you to the State Department for more information.

[IF ASKED] Will you issue visas to the others who have requested them, including Cuban physicians?

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[IF ASKED] Why is a Cuban pediatrician here to see Elian and his family?

* The pediatrician was issued a visa to visit the family. She cannot practice medicine in the state of MD without a license to do so. However, she could serve as a consultant to a licensed MD physician who could provide whatever care Elian, his infant brother, or any other person staying with the Gonzalez family might require.

* When she arrived, the Customs Service confiscated certain medicines that were not for her personal use. They will not be returned to her until she departs the United States.

* We direct you to the State Department for further information.

Are you concerned about Cuban diplomats spending a lot of time at Wye with Elian?

* The Gonzalez family, which must remain here until the 11th Circuit injunction is lifted, is living in a foreign country and they do not speak English. It is customary for consular officials to visit their nationals and provide assistance.

* What's most important is that this boy has been reunited with his sole surviving parent, and the time they are spending together will help them to become a strong family again.

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Cuban television has shown images of a home and school where Elian would live for several months after his return. Some have called this a reeducation camp. Does this give you cause to reconsider sending Elian back to Cuba?

* As the Attorney General has said, the focus of this case is on the role of the boy's father in raising him. This father has been very involved in raising his son, and we are glad that they have been reunited so that he can continue to do so.

What assurances are you seeking from the Cuban government -- should Elian return to Cuba -- that he would not be used as propaganda, would not be placed in a special school, and would return to his "normal" life?

* Elian Gonzalez cannot return to Cuba until the federal court injunction is lifted. He cannot be taken to a place with diplomatic immunity.

* From the beginning, we have tried to de-politicize this case, and we have spoken to Cuban officials in Havana, Geneva, and Washington about

the need to do
so.

* Officials from the State Department have met with representatives of the Cuban Interests Section in Washington and voiced concern on how Elian would be treated in the event he returns to Cuba. These conversations have been constructive. We will continue to discuss with Cuban officials Elian's treatment should he return to Cuba.

Do you think the father really wants to return to Cuba, or is he unable or unwilling to speak freely?

* Under our law, the father is free to apply for asylum if he wishes. It's our understanding that he has said clearly that he wants to return to his country.

* He has had numerous meetings alone with his attorney and also met with the Attorney General and INS Commissioner without any Cuban officials present.

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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 05/12/2000 5:21:34 PM

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CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT Cuban Migrant Interdiction [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Cooper, Colby J. (ADMIN)
Feldman, Daniel F. (MULTI)
McClean, Matthew K. (MULTI)
Naplan, Steven J. (MULTI)
Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
Smith, Peter D. R. (MULTI)
Vaccaro, Jonathan M. (Matt) (MULTI)
Wilcox, Richard M. (MULTI)
Williams, Mary C. (ADMIN)
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Valenzuela, Arturo A. (INTERAM)

CARBON_COPY Bayley, Douglas C. (WHSR)
Blackburn, John (WHSR)
Bresnahan, Gary E. (WHSR/STP)
Broadwick, Bonnie . (WHSR)
Cheramie, Don E. (WHSR)
Crowder, Stevan D. (WHSR/STP)
Ehrendreich, Joel (WHSR)
Erdahl, Douglas M. (WHSR)
Fuchs, Joachim D. (WHSR)
Gentile, Donald J. (WHSR)
Hargis, Robert C. (WHSR)
Heyer, Scott C. (WHSR)
Jansen, Christian P. (WHSR)
Jarosinski, Frank J. (WHSR)
Laskowski, Gregory J. (WHSR)
Manning, Michael T. (WHSR)
McGee, Jenny A. (WHSR)
Payne, Raymond H. (WHSR/STP)
Porterfield, Patrick C. (WHSR)
Powell, Elliott (WHSR/EXSEC)
Reyes, David (WHSR)

Rickard, Robin S. (WHSR)
Rogers, Elizabeth B. (WHSR)
Schrader, Joel M. (WHSR)
Sibley, Matthew W. (WHSR)
Sigler, Ralph H. (WHSR)
Sutliff, Deana R. (WHSR)
Swarm, Amy L. (WHSR)
Tarver, J. Sean (WHSR)
Williams, Robert S. (WHSR)
Yarmchuk, Christina H. (WHSR)

TEXT_BODY

At 1715 EDT, Coast Guard Command Center reported USCG Cutter Key Largo intercepted four (4) Cuban migrants afloat on a wooden raft 25 miles north of Cuba.
Key Largo destroyed raft as hazard to navigation
and will transfer all four migrants to USCG Cutter Resolute for INS interviews.

--NFI--

WHSR

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 05/17/2000 5:05:49 PM

FROM Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)

CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT FW: for clearance: cong letter on conditions for cuban at GTMO
[UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)
DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Tavlarides, Mark J. (LEGIS)

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Lackey, Miles M. (LEGIS)
Shapiro, Daniel B. (LEGIS)
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Walldorff, Rebecca L. (LEGIS)
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Sent: Wednesday,

May 17, 2000 3:41 PM

To: Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM); DeRosa, Mary

B. (LEGAL); Tavlarides, Mark J. (LEGIS)

Cc: @INTERAM - Inter-American;

@LEGAL - Legal Advisor; @LEGISLAT - Legislative Affairs;

@MULTILAT

- Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs

Subject: for clearance:

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Sincerely,

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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

ACTION

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CHARLES M. BRAIN

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Purpose

Respond to a letter from Senators Mack and Graham about conditions
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RECOMMENDATION

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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May 15, 2000

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: ERIC SCHWARTZ

FROM: WENDY PATTEN

SUBJECT: Letter from Senators Mack and Graham on Cuban
Refugees at Guantanamo Bay

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a letter from
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The NSC received the incoming correspondence on April 11, 2000.

Concurrence by: Caryn Hollis, Mark Tavlarides, Mary DeRosa

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Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2000 6:10 PM
To: Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI);
DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL); Tavlarides, Mark J. (LEGIS)
Cc: @MULTILAT
- Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs; @LEGAL - Legal Advisor;
@LEGISLAT - Legislative Affairs
Subject: FW: for clearance: cong
letter on conditions for cuban at GTMO [UNCLASSIFIED]

WEndy ,
Clear with edits. Also one question on Potus memo.

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Message-----
From: Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
Sent: Wednesday,
May 17, 2000 5:06 PM
To: Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM); DeRosa, Mary
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TO Cooper, Colby J. (ADMIN)

CARBON_COPY

TEXT_BODY

Colby -- I hear you are covering tomorrow. If that's right, please print for my and ES signature tomorrow am (very late -- needs to move). Eric has already reviewed and everyone has concurred as listed. thanks for your help -- WLP

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CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT follow up on interdicted Haitian ferry boat [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

ES -- please review. I tried to give minimal details, but the note seems likely to raise certain critical questions, e.g. what if dad wants to come once notified, how will So FL react to news of kid's arrival. So here's my stab at it. I'm brain dead at this hour, so forgive my incoherence.

Also -- does the note need to address where the boy will stay when he arrives? (answer: Boys Town - place where we take unaccompanied minors. Have not asked INS what they would do if some relative comes forward and wants to take him from Boys Town). thanks -- WLP

Please pass to Mara. Thanks.

From
Wendy thru Eric

Mara,

INS completed its screening of 13 of the 121 Haitians aboard the hijacked Haitian ferry boat interdicted on Tuesday. It determined that one Haitian, a 13-year-old unaccompanied minor, had a credible fear of persecution and should undergo full refugee processing. He will be brought quietly into the United States and placed in removal proceedings, at which point he will be able to assert a claim for asylum.

The remaining group of 12 (10 HNP officers, ship's captain, and mate) were found not to have credible fears and are being repatriated, along with the 108 remaining ferry passengers. They should arrive in Port-au-Prince at some point today. Justice/FBI determined they lacked jurisdiction to prosecute the hijacking, but is prepared to assist Haitian law enforcement in investigating

and prosecuting the case.

INS planned to inform the Haitian consulate last night of the decisions taken in this case. INS will also notify the 13-year-old's father in Haiti (his mother is deceased). If the father requests to join his son during the removal/asylum process, INS will develop a very tightly-controlled parole arrangement that will be handled as quickly and quietly as possible.

We will be carefully coordinating with Justice/INS on press guidance this morning. In our judgment, comments should be as follows: INS interviewed the boy thoroughly, and because of particular facts about his particular situation, a decision was made to bring him into the United States.

prior
note from Wednesday

Please pass to Jim, cc: Mara. thanks.

From
Wendy thru Eric
Cleared by Interam and Legal

Jim,

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The vessel remains about 100 miles off the Florida coast. The 10 police officers, the master, and crew mate requested asylum. USCG transferred all 12 to a nearby cutter and INS is screening them to determine if they have credible fears of persecution. If any are found to have credible fears, we will have to determine appropriate next steps. Given the potential hijacking, FBI is also on the scene.

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whom appears to be unaccompanied by an adult.

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 05/27/2000 4:59:21 PM

FROM Rudman, Mara E. (NSA)

CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT RE: update on interdicted Haitian ferry boat [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
Gray, Wendy E. (NSA)
Rudman, Mara E. (NSA)

CARBON_COPY Bash, Brooks L. (EXSEC)
Bradtke, Robert A. (EXSEC)
Crocker, Bathsheba N. (NSA)
Gray, Wendy E. (NSA)
Jacobson, Tracey A. (ADMIN)
Joshi, M. Kay (EXSEC)
Kale, Dora A. (NSA)
Millison, Cathy L. (EXSEC)
Moretz, Sheila K. (NSA)
NSA Email
Rudman, Mara E. (NSA)
Scott-Perez, Marilyn L. (NSA)
Siberell, Justin H. (NSA)
Storey, Sharon V. (NSA)
Banbury, Anthony N. (MULTI)
Cooper, Colby J. (ADMIN)
Feldman, Daniel F. (MULTI)
McClean, Matthew K. (MULTI)
Naplan, Steven J. (MULTI)
Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
Smith, Peter D. R. (MULTI)
Vaccaro, Jonathan M. (Matt) (MULTI)
Wilcox, Richard M. (MULTI)
Williams, Mary C. (ADMIN)
Allen, Charles A. (LEGAL)
Baker, James E. (LEGAL)
DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Hunerwadel, Joan S. (LEGAL)
Krass, Caroline D. (LEGAL)
Scharfen, Jonathan R. (LEGAL)
Williams, Mary C. (ADMIN)
Avery, Dale R. (INTERAM)
Hammer, Michael A. (PRESS)
Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)

Merletti, Roger D. (INTERAM)
Shannon, Thomas A. (INTERAM)
Snowden, Deniz (INTERAM)
Valenzuela, Arturo A. (INTERAM)

TEXT_BODY

wendy -- your proposal, both on guidance and on deputies paper, makes sense to me.

-----Original Message-----

From: Patten, Wendy

L. (MULTI)

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2000 11:55 AM

To: @RUDMAN

Cc: @NSA

- Natl Security Advisor; @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs; @LEGAL - Legal Advisor; @INTERAM - Inter-American

Subject: update

on interdicted Haitian ferry boat [UNCLASSIFIED]

Please pass to

Mara. Thanks.

From Wendy thru Eric

Cleared by Interam and Legal

Mara,

INS

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group of 12 (10 HNP officers, ship's captain, and mate) were found not to have credible fears and are being repatriated, along with the 108 remaining ferry passengers. They should arrive in Port-au-Prince at some point today. Justice/FBI declined prosecution of the apparent hijacking, but is prepared to assist Haitian law enforcement in investigating and prosecuting the case.

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last night of the decisions taken in this case. INS will also notify the 13-year-old's father in Haiti (his mother may be deceased).

INS will speak to the father to ascertain his wishes for the child, and then determine whether the child should be placed in removal proceedings, at which point he will be able to assert a claim for asylum. The father could request to join his son during the removal/asylum

process, but INS is very unlikely to grant such a request prior to a final asylum determination because the child's presence here without lawful status does not give the father a basis to migrate.

We will be carefully coordinating with Justice/INS on "if asked" press guidance this morning. In our judgment, comments should be as follows: INS interviewed the boy thoroughly, and because of particular facts about his particular situation, a decision was made to bring him into the United States. [Note: we cannot disclose publicly that there has been or will be a request for asylum.]

Eric has asked me to prepare a discussion paper for Deputies on Haitian migration, as we may see an upsurge in boat departures and do not really have a plan of action -- either in terms of discouraging such boat departures, or -- more importantly -- in terms of how we will deal with any increase. The alternatives are not easy ones, and we would have to make tough decisions that are better made in advance than in the midst of a crisis.

prior note from Wednesday

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Cleared by Interam and Legal

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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 06/08/2000 4:23:38 PM

FROM Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)

CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT CUBAN BASEBALL PLAYER [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)
DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Anderson, Brooke D. (NSCCOMM)
Brown, Katherine A. (PRESS/INTERN)
Crowley, Philip J. (PRESS)
Gobush, Matthew N. (VP)
Hammer, Michael A. (PRESS)
Hoelzer, Jennifer I. (PRESS/INTERN)
Stockwell, David B. (PRESS)
Wozniak, Natalie S. (PRESS)

CARBON_COPY Avery, Dale R. (INTERAM)
Hammer, Michael A. (PRESS)
Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)
Hurwitz, Marc I. (ADMIN)
Merletti, Roger D. (INTERAM)
Shannon, Thomas A. (INTERAM)
Snowden, Deniz (INTERAM)
Valenzuela, Arturo A. (INTERAM)
Banbury, Anthony N. (MULTI)
Cooper, Colby J. (ADMIN)
Feldman, Daniel F. (MULTI)
McLean, Matthew K. (MULTI)
Naplan, Steven J. (MULTI)
Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
Smith, Peter D. R. (MULTI)
Tierney, Mary T. (Theresa) (MULTI)
Wilcox, Richard M. (MULTI)
Williams, Mary C. (ADMIN)
Baker, James E. (LEGAL)
DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Hunerwadel, Joan S. (LEGAL)
Krass, Caroline D. (LEGAL)
Scharfen, Jonathan R. (LEGAL)
Williams, Mary C. (ADMIN)
Gobush, Matthew N. (VP)

TEXT_BODY

Attached is updated guidance on the ball players. Caryn, Mary -- please send any changes directly to @press and cc: those listed on this email.

thanks -- WLP

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT

CUBANBASEBALLPLAYER.doc
CUBAN BASEBALL PLAYER
June 8, 2000

Context: On June 2, the US Coast Guard interdicted a group of 31 migrants attempting to enter the US illegally. The media has reported that the group included two Cuban baseball players, Andy Morales and a lesser-known player, Carlos Borrego. In keeping with standard procedure for Cubans interdicted at sea, INS screened the migrants for any protection-related concerns. All 31 migrants were repatriated to Cuba without incident yesterday, June 7.

IMPORTANT: Pursuant to DOJ/INS policy directives on confidentiality, we may not confirm, deny, or otherwise disclose the identity of any person interdicted at sea, nor discuss the outcome of a particular interdictee's case publicly.

Did the Coast Guard interdict and repatriate to Cuba a prominent Cuban baseball player named Andy Morales?

* It is our policy not to discuss individual cases. However, all Cuban migrants interdicted at sea have an opportunity to speak with an INS asylum officer, where they can voice any concerns they may have about returning to Cuba.

* The State Department also monitors the treatment of Cuban who are repatriated to Cuba.

[IF ASKED] You have allowed high-profile baseball players like El Duque to enter

the US in the past. Why is this case different? Are you trying to appease Castro?

* It is our policy to interdict migrants attempting to enter the United States illegally. Rather than risking dangerous boat departures, Cubans may seek to immigrate to the US through an agreement that allows at least 20,000 Cubans a year to enter the US in a safe, legal, and orderly fashion.

* [IF PRESSED] Again, all Cuban migrants interdicted at sea are given an opportunity to voice any concerns they may have about returning to Cuba.

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 06/13/2000 11:12:23 AM
FROM Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
CLASSIFICATION ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
CLASSIFICATIONREASON 1.5(c)
DATECLASSIFIEDON 06/13/2000
DECLASSIFYON 06/14/2010
SUBJECT RE: Haiti migration [~~CONFIDENTIAL~~]
TO Valenzuela, Arturo A. (INTERAM)
McCarthy, Mary O. (INTEL)
Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)

CARBON_COPY Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)

TEXT_BODY

In a note to the front office earlier this month reporting on a recent Haitian interdiction, Eric suggested, and Mara agreed, that we needed to prepare a deputies paper on Haitian migration and our contingency plans in case of a mass migration. Caryn and I have discussed it preliminarily, and I have begun an extremely rough (emphasize rough) draft.

Migrant trend information based on USCG interdictions does not suggest a significant increase in Haitian migration from last year. Nevertheless, the precariousness of the present situation in Haiti suggests the need to monitor migration carefully so that we can be prepared for any sudden increase. I would suggest that we talk further about what additional info/intel we need to assess factors that could lead to a mass migration as we prepare the paper on Haiti.

For Cuba, given the infrastructure in place to handle a mass migration (GTMO), I'm not sure we need a paper, but want to get your thoughts. it might be sufficient to do a relatively note on migration trends.

thanks -- WLP

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E.O. 13526

White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006

By MI NARA, Date 3/28/16

201-10347

-----Original Message-----

From: Valenzuela,
Arturo A. (INTERAM)
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2000 10:29 AM
To: McCarthy,
Mary O. (INTEL); Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
Cc: Hollis, Caryn C.
(INTERAM); Valenzuela, Arturo A. (INTERAM); Patten, Wendy L.
(MULTI)
Subject: RE:
Haiti migration [~~CONFIDENTIAL~~]

We should send Sandy a quick e-mail
acknowledging his concern and noting what we will do about this.
Wendy do you want to take lead in drafting-or should Caryn?

-----Original

Message-----

From: McCarthy, Mary O. (INTEL)
Sent: Tuesday, June
13, 2000 10:13 AM
To: Valenzuela, Arturo A. (INTERAM); Schwartz,
Eric P. (MULTI)
Subject: Haiti migration [~~CONFIDENTIAL~~]

On a
recent CIA memo concerning Haiti migration, SRB wrote that we need
to monitor situation there and in Cuba very carefully. I will get
the IC focused.

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 06/20/2000 9:18:16 AM
FROM Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT guidance on CUBAN MIGRATION TALKS [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)

CARBON_COPY Banbury, Anthony N. (MULTI)
Cooper, Colby J. (ADMIN)
Feldman, Daniel F. (MULTI)
McClean, Matthew K. (MULTI)
Naplan, Steven J. (MULTI)
Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
Smith, Peter D. R. (MULTI)
Tierney, Mary T. (Theresa) (MULTI)
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Stockwell, David B. (PRESS)
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TEXT_BODY

Caryn, Mary -- Please review. thanks -- WLP

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT CUBANMIGRATIONTALKSPG.doc
CUBAN MIGRATION TALKS
June 20, 2000

CONTEXT: The Cuban government informed the USG late last week that it wishes to postpone the upcoming round of biannual migration talks with the US, scheduled for June 27 in New York. The talks are held twice a year under the migration accords signed in 1994 and 1995 by the US and Cuba as part of a bilateral effort to curb illegal migration from Cuba and to promote safe, orderly, and legal migration.

Has the Government of Cuba canceled the upcoming round of biannual migration talks with the US?

* Late last week, the Cuban government informed us that they are postponing the upcoming round of migration talks scheduled for June 27. They cited their preoccupation with the return of Elian Gonzalez as the primary reason for the postponement.

* We were fully prepared to proceed with the talks as scheduled, and will press the Government of Cuba to provide us with another date for the talks.

* Cuban Interests Section officials reaffirmed their commitment to continued implementation of the migration accords, which are designed to facilitate safe, legal, and orderly migration from Cuba. The U.S. will continue to vigorously enforce U.S. laws on illegal migration and uphold the migration accords.

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 07/03/2000 1:44:47 PM
FROM Naplan, Steven J. (MULTI)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FW: CUBA/ELIAN/ SANCTIONS [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Hammer, Michael A. (PRESS)
Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)
Merletti, Roger D. (INTERAM)
Snowden, Deniz (INTERAM)
Valenzuela, Arturo A. (INTERAM)
Wallace, Joanna B. (INTERAM)

CARBON_COPY Banbury, Anthony N. (MULTI)
Feldman, Daniel F. (MULTI)
Mclean, Matthew K. (MULTI)
Naplan, Steven J. (MULTI)
Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
Smith, Peter D. R. (MULTI)
Tierney, Mary T. (Theresa) (MULTI)
Wilcox, Richard M. (MULTI)
Anderson, Brooke D. (NSCCOMM)
Brown, Katherine A. (PRESS/INTERN)
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Hammer, Michael A. (PRESS)
Hoelzer, Jennifer I. (PRESS/INTERN)
Stockwell, David B. (PRESS)
Williams, Mary C. (ADMIN)
Wozniak, Natalie S. (PRESS)

TEXT_BODY this looks fine to me.

It was my understanding that Mary DeRosa
was watching Elian-related matters in Wendy's absence.

you may
want to get her chop on this.

SN

-----Original Message-----

From: Feldman,
Daniel F. (MULTI)

Sent: Monday, July 03, 2000 12:25 PM
To: Naplan,
Steven J. (MULTI); @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian
Affairs
Subject: FW:
CUBA/ELIAN/ SANCTIONS [UNCLASSIFIED]

steve -- do you mind taking
a look at this? i'm crashing on child soldiers. i'm sure it's fine.

-----Original
Message-----
From: Brown, Katherine A. (PRESS/INTERN)
Sent: Monday,
July 03, 2000 12:09 PM
To: @INTERAM - Inter-American
Cc: @PRESS
- Public Affairs; @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian
Affairs
Subject: FW:
CUBA/ELIAN/ SANCTIONS [UNCLASSIFIED]

does @MULTILAT clear on
this? i know Wendy was unavailable to clear last week. am putting
together guidance now.

-----Original Message-----
From: Hollis,
Caryn C. (INTERAM)
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2000 9:45 AM
To: @PRESS
- Public Affairs; @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian
Affairs
Cc: @INTERAM
- Inter-American
Subject: CUBA/ELIAN/ SANCTIONS [UNCLASSIFIED]

PLease clear. Added one question on the demonstrations.

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT 070300Cuba guidance.doc
CUBA/ELIAN/ SANCTIONS
July 3, 2000

What do you think about the statements by Castro and others that the
weekly
demonstrations will continue despite Elian's return and that they will
now focus

on the Cuban Adjustment Act and the economic embargo?

* That really is a question for the Cuban government. The demonstrations will have little impact on our policy. We support safe, orderly and legal migration to the United States.

Did you end up getting any assurances from the Cuban government that they would not exploit Elian for propaganda purposes?

* We did express our concerns to Cuban officials about how Elian would be treated if and when he returned to Cuba. Our actions have always been guided by what was best for Elian. We hope the Cuban government will do the same.

The father appeared to be very conciliatory in his remarks at the airport about a desire to build better relations between the two countries. Do you think that is the legacy of this case, that it could provide an opportunity for a shift in policy?

* As the President said, we will continue to do everything we can to promote stronger people-to-people contacts between our two countries. At the same time, he doubted that there would be any bipartisan consensus to change our policy without fundamental change within the Castro regime.

* The legacy here is that the United States government acted to uphold the rule of law, and acted based on the belief that reuniting father and son was in the boy's best interest.

The Hill is moving to lift food and medicine sanctions against Cuba. Isn't it time for the Administration to end the embargo against Cuba, especially since you are working to open trade with China and North Korea?

* Our Cuba policy, including the embargo, is based on a bipartisan consensus spanning more than three decades. The Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity

Act, or Helms-Burton Act, became law in the wake of Cuba's shutdown of two U.S. civilian aircraft in international airspace in February 1996.

* Helms Burton was intended to increase pressure on the Castro government to undertake reforms and to better protect the rights of U.S. citizens whose property in Cuba was illegally confiscated and later used by foreign investors.

* Our policy is to provide support for the Cuban people without strengthening the Cuban government. While the embargo receives the most media and international attention, support for the Cuban people is the central theme of our policy. For example, we support cultural exchanges between the U.S. and Cuban people, and permit sales of food to independent, non-governmental entities in Cuba.

* We are prepared to consider alterations in our policy in response to clear and unequivocal steps toward democracy in Cuba. So far we have seen little indication that the Cuban government is prepared to make such moves.

Will the President veto the agriculture sanctions proposals in Congress, like the Nethercutt bill?

* The President believes that commercial exports of food and medicine should not be used as a tool of foreign policy, except under compelling circumstances. He has taken executive measures to exempt those products from most unilateral sanctions.

* [Background - Administration announced on April 28, 1999 that the U.S. would exempt commercial sales of agricultural commodities and products for humanitarian purposes, as well as medicine and medicinal equipment, from future unilateral Executive Branch economic sanctions regimes - unless the President determines our national interest requires otherwise.]

* The President supports legislation such as Senator Lugar's "Agricultural Trade Freedom Act." It reflects this policy: the bill carries a presumption

that food
and medicine sales are permitted without distinction as to country, but
includes
a national interest waiver for use in compelling circumstances.
* The President is concerned, however, about legislative proposals on
sanctions
that would seriously limit any President's ability to implement foreign
policy
and would have grave implications for our non proliferation, counter
terrorism
and counter narcotics initiatives.

Doesn't the Nethercutt bill provide new openings on U.S.-Cuba
policy?

* It's not clear what the latest version of this bill does. Our
understanding is
that it actually now further restricts travel to Cuba, which is counter to
our
people-to-people effort. The President thinks that's unfortunate.
* Again, the President thinks Senator Lugar's agriculture trade bill
reflects the
best legislative approach across the board on this issue.

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 07/10/2000 10:34:14 PM
FROM Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FW: Refugee Consultations [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Bradtke, Robert A. (EXSEC)

CARBON_COPY Bartlett, L. June (EXSEC)
Bradtke, Robert A. (EXSEC)
Gire, Cynthia L. (EXSEC)
Gray, Wendy E. (NSA)
Hilliard, Brenda I. (EXSEC)
Jacobson, Tracey A. (ADMIN)
Joshi, M. Kay (EXSEC)
Millison, Cathy L. (EXSEC)
Powell, Elliott (WHSR/EXSEC)
Wasserman, Elaine P. (EXSEC)
Banbury, Anthony N. (MULTI)
Cooper, Colby J. (ADMIN)
Feldman, Daniel F. (MULTI)
Hurwitz, Marc I. (ADMIN)
McLean, Matthew K. (MULTI)
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Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
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Smith, Peter D. R. (MULTI)
Tierney, Mary "Theresa" T. (MULTI)
Wilcox, Richard M. (MULTI)

TEXT_BODY

Bob -- Eric asked me to touch base with you on the issue of whether to release on the wire the text of the POTUS memo to Sec State on refugee admissions consultations for the upcoming fiscal year.

While we now understand that the memo was also released immediately upon signature last year, we were not aware of it at the time. In our judgment, it is not appropriate to release this memorandum on the wire, and we would like to correct the record in the event that next year's staff looks to past practice for guidance on how to handle this issue. Would you be able to touch base with Staff Secretary to the extent that there are any follow-up issues?

thanks very

much -- WLP

PS -- thanks also to all in exec sec who helped remind (gently) staff sec that this package was a rush, and who helped transmit the signed document back to State so quickly. State delivered the package to the Hill today, to the great relief of all involved. Couldn't have done it without your help.

-----Original Message-----

From: Millison,
Cathy L. (EXSEC)
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2000 7:04 PM
To: Patten,
Wendy L. (MULTI)
Cc: Bradtke, Robert A. (EXSEC)
Subject: Refugee
Consultations [UNCLASSIFIED]

Wendy, as discussed, I checked the Records and it appears that the President signed the memo last year on August 12 (package #5197) and the statement was released by the Press on August 12. Copy of the statement attached.

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT

Memo on FY2000 Refugee Admissions 8-12-991.doc
THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release August 12, 1999

August 12, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: FY 2000 Refugee Admissions Consultations

In accordance with section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (you are authorized to consult with the appropriate committees of the Congress concerning refugee admissions as follows:

1. The authorization of 100,000 refugee admissions during FY 2000, will be allocated by specific region as follows: 14,000 for Africa; 8,000 for I

Asia (including Amerasians); 3,000 for Latin America and the Caribbean; 8,000 for the Near East and South Asia; 57,000 for Europe; and 10,000 for the Unallocated

Reserve. The recommended level of funded admissions is equal to the level assumed in the FY 2000 budget request (80,000) and the Kosovo supplement (up to 20,000).

2. The authorization of an additional 10,000 refugee admission numbers made available for the adjustment to permanent resident status of persons who have been granted asylum in the United States.

3. The designation, pursuant to section 101(a)(42)(B) of the INA, of persons from Cuba, Vietnam, and the former Soviet Union, who if they otherwise qualify for admission as refugees, may be considered refugees under the INA even if they are still within their country of nationality or habitual residence.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

cc: Attorney General
The Secretary of Health and Human Services

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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 07/13/2000 10:37:12 AM
FROM Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)
CLASSIFICATION ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
CLASSIFICATIONREASON 1.5(d)
DATECLASSIFIEDON 07/12/2000
DECLASSIFYON 07/13/2010
SUBJECT RE: Haiti Excom [~~CONFIDENTIAL~~]
TO Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
Valenzuela, Arturo A. (INTERAM)
Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)

CARBON_COPY Hammer, Michael A. (PRESS)
Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)
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Smith, Peter D. R. (MULTI)
Tierney, Mary "Theresa" T. (MULTI)
Wilcox, Richard M. (MULTI)

TEXT_BODY

We will discuss the threats, get a readout from the agency on the elections, threats, and prospects for violence. will get with Wendy.
Caryn

-----Original Message-----

From: Schwartz, Eric P.
(MULTI)
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2000 6:21 AM
To: Hollis, Caryn
C. (INTERAM); Valenzuela, Arturo A. (INTERAM); Patten, Wendy L.
(MULTI)

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E.O. 13526

White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006

By M NARA, Date 3/28/16

201-1039-F

Cc: @INTERAM - Inter-American; @MULTILAT - Multilateral
and Humanitarian Affairs
Subject: RE: Haiti Excom [~~CONFIDENTIAL~~]

Will
you also pursue the reports of threats against activists?

I
want the migrant issue to be addressed in the contingency planning
IWG, to ensure that we are equipped to deal with larger-scale outflows
that might result from increased unrest in Haiti.

Wendy will
contact you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Hollis, Caryn
C. (INTERAM)
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2000 7:31 PM
To: Valenzuela,
Arturo A. (INTERAM); Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI); Patten, Wendy L.
(MULTI)
Cc: @INTERAM - Inter-American; @MULTILAT - Multilateral
and Humanitarian Affairs
Subject: Haiti Excom [~~CONFIDENTIAL~~]

All,

We will hold a Haiti Excom on Friday July 14 at 10:00-11:00 a.m.
in Rm 208. Mainly we will deal with "road ahead."
Eric, we will
put the issue of migrant/refugee policy on the agenda. Hope you
can be there.

Thanks Caryn

Deniz please put on Arturo's calendar.
thx

Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 07/20/2000 12:03:53 PM
FROM Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
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SUBJECT guidance on CUBAN BASEBALL PLAYER [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Anderson, Brooke D. (NSCCOMM)
Brown, Katherine A. (PRESS/INTERN)
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TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT

CUBANBASEBALLPLAYER2.doc

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July 20, 2000

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FROM Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
CLASSIFICATION ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
CLASSIFICATIONREASON 1.5(d)
DATECLASSIFIEDON 07/31/2000
DECLASSIFYON 08/01/2010
SUBJECT RE: 7/31 Meeting on Media Aboard USCG Cutters [~~CONFIDENTIAL~~]
TO Hanley, Timothy P. (INTERAM/INTERN)
 Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)

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White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006

By AL NARA, Date 6/28/16

2011-1034-F

Wozniak, Natalie S. (PRESS)

TEXT_BODY

thanks Tim. I'm cc'ing PJ for his info as well -- WLP

-----Original

Message-----

From: Hanley, Timothy P. (INTERAM/INTERN)

Sent: Monday,

July 31, 2000 5:55 PM

To: Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)

Cc: @INTERAM

- Inter-American; @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs;

Rosa, Frederick M. (TNT)

Subject: 7/31 Meeting on Media Aboard

USCG Cutters [CONFIDENTIAL]

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I wasn't clear on the CG's timeframe to start with this. I have a call in to Cmdr. Jim McPherson to get the specifics. Let me know if you need any further information.

Thanks,

Tim

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 FROM Crowley, Philip J. (PRESS)
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 CLASSIFICATIONREASON 1.5(d)
 DATECLASSIFIEDON 07/31/2000
 DECLASSIFYON 08/01/2010
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By *mw* NARA, Date *3/28/16*

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Wozniak, Natalie S. (PRESS)
Beardsworth, Richard R. (Randy) (DEFENSE)

TEXT_BODY

I'm following this with interest. I gotta tell you. The local Miami station may agree to those ground rules, but the networks won't agree to turn cameras off just when the story develops. I think the USCG approach is naive.

PJ

-----Original Message-----

From: Hanley,
Timothy P. (INTERAM/INTERN)
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2000 5:21 PM
To: Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI); Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)
Cc: @INTERAM
- Inter-American; @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs;

Rosa, Frederick M. (TNT); @PRESS - Public Affairs; Beardsworth,
Richard R. (Randy) (DEFENSE)
Subject: RE: 7/31 Meeting on Media
Aboard USCG Cutters [~~CONFIDENTIAL~~]

I just spoke to Lt. Rick Webster
(Coast Guard public affairs) - The Coast Guard has put its plan for media aboard cutters in Straights of Florida on hold indefinitely. The INS did turn out to have serious concerns. State & INS are to work out a compromise plan which they will present to the CG at some point in the future.

-----Original Message-----

From: Patten,
Wendy L. (MULTI)
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2000 10:34 AM
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Cc: @INTERAM
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SUBJECT RE: cuban plane update [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Beardsworth, Richard R. (Randy) (DEFENSE)
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From: Beardsworth, Richard R. (Randy) (DEFENSE)
Sent: Wednesday,
September 20, 2000 8:54 AM
To: Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI); Hollis,
Caryn C. (INTERAM); Binnendijk, Johannes A. (Hans) (DEFENSE)
Cc: Beardsworth,
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Cc: @INTERAM - Inter-American;
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Subject: RE:
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DATE-TIME 09/20/2000 11:52:10 AM
FROM Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT update on Cuban plane crash [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Bradtke, Robert A. (EXSEC)
Gray, Wendy E. (NSA)
Haas, Dean J. (ADMIN)
Joshi, M. Kay (EXSEC)
Kale, Dora A. (NSA)
Matthews, Sonyia (SPCHW)
Millison, Cathy L. (EXSEC)
Moran, Kevin S. (NSA)
Moretz, Sheila K. (NSA)
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Please pass to Gen. Kerrick and Mara. thanks.

To: Don and Mara
From:
Randy, Caryn and Wendy
Clearance by Mary DeRosa

The CG successfully evacuated the seriously injured man last night to Key West, where he was then transported to Miami for medical treatment. The other eight survivors and one deceased will be transferred to USCGC COURAGEOUS tonight. The survivors have received medical care on site.

Debriefs with the injured man and with the other survivors indicate the plane was stolen and not hijacked, and that they intended to migrate to the US.

The search and rescue portion of the case is now resolved, and at this point it does not appear to be a hijacking case. The interagency PD27 group agreed to proceed with the incident as an undocumented migrant case, and is following standard operating procedures for a migrant interdiction.

As a side note, the U.S. - Cuba migration talks are being held tomorrow in New York. The Cubans will clearly use this incident to denounce the Cuban Adjustment Act. We will press the Cubans on why they did not respond by sending a surface vessel to assist in the search and rescue.