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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 6, 1994

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter recommending changes in our procedures for handling Haitian boat migrants seeking asylum.

On May 8, I announced that the deteriorating situation in Haiti led me to conclude that asylum seekers who leave by boat must have the opportunity to apply for political refugee status before repatriation to Haiti occurred. As soon as we have the logistical arrangements in place, we will allow all interdicted migrants who wish to do so to submit refugee claims. Those accorded refugee status will be resettled or provided asylum in the United States or third countries which we are approaching to join us in this humanitarian endeavor. We will continue to monitor and assist non-refugees who are returned to Haiti.

These new procedures formed part of a larger policy change on Haiti occasioned by the Haitian military leadership's blockage of political initiatives to resolve the crisis and their worsening brutality. The new policy I recently announced took into account concerns you and many others raised. We led the effort to impose tougher UN sanctions which are now in force. I also appointed Bill Gray to serve as my and Secretary Christopher's Special Advisor on Haiti to give new energy to our diplomatic efforts. He is actively engaged in implementing our new procedures for allowing boat migrants to apply for refugee status. His meeting with President Balaguer also underscored my insistence that the Dominican Republic seal its border with Haiti. I am determined to make the new measures we are taking work so we can attain the objectives we share for Haiti.

I appreciate your deep interest and hope I can count on your support as I continue to work to end the Haitian crisis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'RDellums', with a stylized 'B' and 'D'.

The Honorable Ronald V. Dellums
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 94 JUN 93 P5:46

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ANTHONY LAKE *Per*
SUSAN BROPHY *B*

SUBJECT:

Letter from Representative Dellums on Haiti

Purpose

To inform Representative Dellums of the changes you have ordered in our Haitian boat migrant processing procedures.

Background

Representative Dellums wrote prior to your recent announcement on Haiti policy to urge that you stop summarily returning Haitian boat migrants and afford them the opportunity to apply for refugee status. He warned of a looming political firestorm unless you take such action.

Our proposed reply informs Representative Dellums of the new procedures you announced on May 8. It solicits his support for these and the other policy changes we have made.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the proposed letter at Tab A to Representative Dellums.

Attachments

Tab A Proposed letter to Representative Dellums
Tab B Incoming correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

May 31, 1994

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: RICHARD E. FEINBERG *MEF*
FROM: LAWRENCE G. ROSSIN *LGR*
SUBJECT: Letter from Representative Dellums on Haiti

Representative Dellums wrote on April 27 (letter received by NSC May 9) to urge that the President end the direct return of Haitian migrants before the mounting wave of public revulsion created a major political problem for his Administration. Our proposed reply informs Representative Dellums of the policy changes the President announced May 8 and solicits his support for the President's efforts to achieve our objectives in Haiti.

Concurrences by: *ES* Eric Schwartz and *JR* Jeremy Rosner

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Attachments

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Tab A Proposed Letter to Representative Dellums
Tab B Incoming correspondence

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April 27, 1994

The Honorable William Clinton
Office of the President
The White House
Washington DC 20520

Dear Mr. President:

Our Haiti refugee policy is a political tinderbox.

Mounting reports of returned refugees being found hacked or bludgeoned to death are beginning to reverberate domestically - and with racial overtones.

We must avert a bitter, divisive national debate by ensuring that Haitian political refugees are treated the same - no better, no worse - than political refugees from elsewhere. Whether we re-open Guantanamo as a processing center, institute third country processing, establish safe havens in the region, or ensure that there will now be INS officials on board coast guard and naval vessels to process Haitian asylum seekers, we must end the summary repatriation of Haitian refugees.

The rumblings across the country on this issue are ominously similar to those that began around apartheid in late 1984. Then too, the moral arguments in opposition to "constructive engagement" were so compelling and so overwhelming that the best efforts of corporate America and the then-administration could not stall the tide of opposition brought on by "constructive engagement."

I urge you to spare our nation yet another experience of open domestic warfare over a racially-explosive foreign policy. Whatever you do, a way must be found to ensure that Haitian asylum seekers will be given some means of presenting their case

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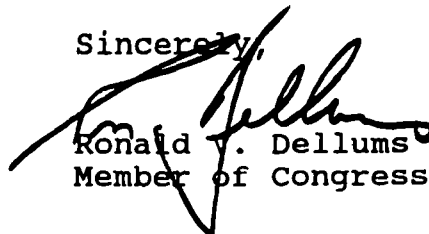
to U.S. officials prior to our forcibly returning them, in effect, to the Haitian military. The domestic repercussions of resisting this eminently fair and just proposal must not be underestimated.

It was with great admiration that we noted your decision last week not to return the Haitian vessel initially spotted several miles outside U.S. territorial waters. You decided that, instead of summarily returning the vessel no questions asked, it would be more appropriate to come to a decision only after the unique circumstances surrounding that particular vessel and those particular passengers had been ascertained. In taking this position, you were in complete accord with what has been the essence of my - and the one hundred cosponsors of HR 4114's - policy urgings regarding Haitian refugees, namely that there must be a case by case evaluation; that it is inhumane and unthinkable that our government, as a matter of policy, destroys any vessel containing Haitian refugees and forcibly repatriated as persons on board to the most vicious military regime in our hemisphere. In light of this, it is my sincere hope that you will instruct the appropriate U.S. officials to, without exception, review all Haitian refugees' claims for political asylum prior to returning them to certain death at the hands of the military.

Finally, I wish to respectfully point out that many of the Americans who were most active in the anti-apartheid struggle of the 1980's are now in South Africa celebrating the fruit of their long, determined battle. They will return to this country energized - convinced that whatever the obstacles, if one's cause is just, one will prevail. Our Haiti refugee policy is an issue tailor made for these committed, principled, and effective activists. I urge you, if you are to avoid greater public criticism and alienation from an important segment of our party, to ensure - in whatever way you deem appropriate - that Haitian refugees are no longer forcibly returned to Haiti without first being able to substantiate their fears of not only persecution but indeed death.

I am available to discuss this with you should you so desire.

Sincerely,



Ronald J. Dellums
Member of Congress

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 05, 1994

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE RONALD V. DELLUMS

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO ENSURE HAITIAN
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 LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
 MANAGEMENT.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

May 16, 1994

ACTION

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