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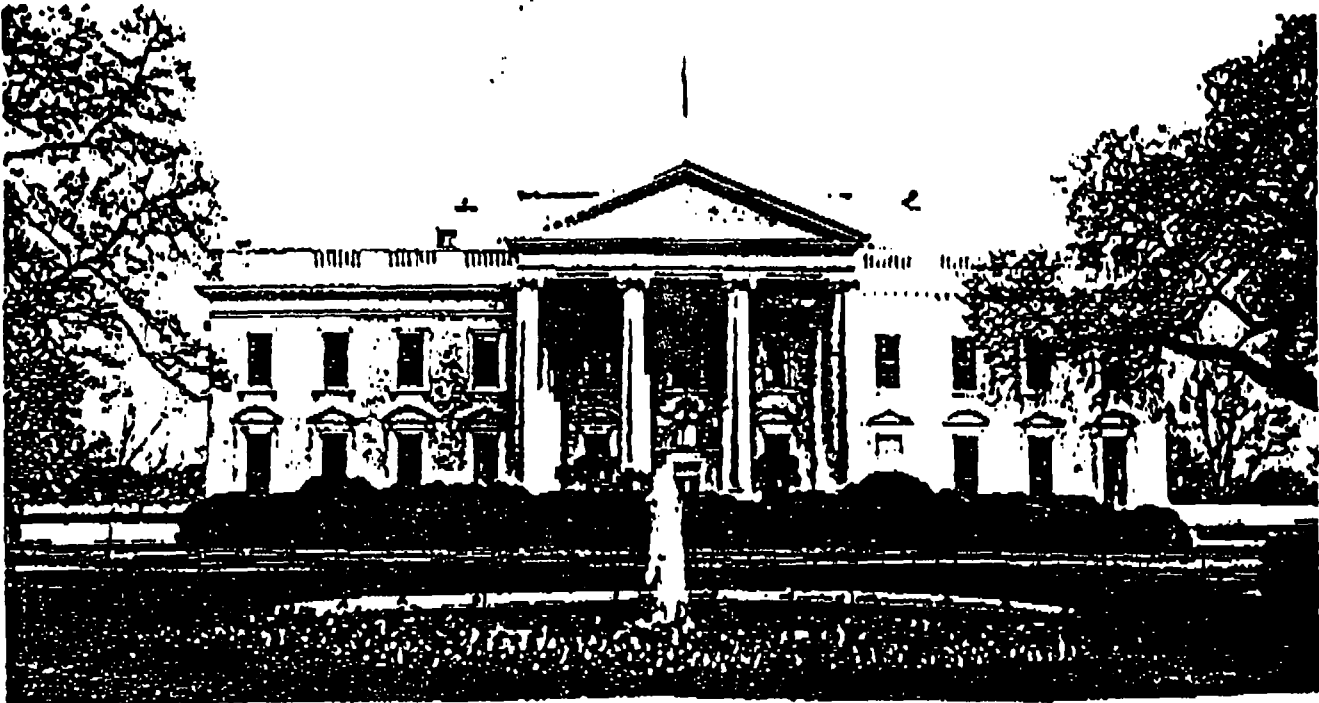


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Here is the current language re: Haiti as well as the letter you wanted to see from Michael Schattman. It is in our final editing process and will go out shortly (unless you think otherwise).

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dear
Dear Mike:

Thank you for your letter and your ideas about ^{for establishing} possible safe havens in Panama. In my recent meeting with President-elect ^{Perez} Balladares, we discussed this issue among many others; and, as you note, he ^{may} be inclined to be helpful ^{to us} when he takes office.

likewise, Both of us are determined to see that the people who have illegally taken power in Haiti leave there. I am pleased that the United Nations Security Council has authorized the ^{formation of a} ~~United States to lead a~~ multinational ^{coalition force for Haiti in the event} ~~invasion in Haiti~~ if its military leaders do not step down.

As I continue to monitor closely the situation in Haiti, I appreciate your input.

MM

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Re: Haitian "Safe Haven"
in Panama

Dear Bill:

It is still possible to obtain safe havens in Panama for Haitian refugees.

While I was taking Roger Fisher's "Negotiation" workshop at Harvard Law School last month, I met a Panamanian lawyer-businessman named Moises Cohen, who had just received an LLM at Stanford. According to Moises there is considerable resentment in Panama over the failure of the U.S. to carry through on rebuilding and repairing the damage caused by the invasion that overthrew Noriega. That sentiment helped defeat Endara, he said, and has now caused a resentful Endara to be difficult in his dealings with the U.S. These conversations all came back to me in the wake of Endara's reneging on the Haitian safe havens.

There is an opportunity here. Less so with Endara than with his successor, Perez-Balladares. Nevertheless, if the U.S. were to open discussions on the invasion damage repair with the Panamanian government or Perez's transition team without linking it to the safe haven question, it would allow the Panamanians, a little later on, to broach the Haitian issue more as a partner than a client. It would provide them with chronological space in which to deal with the issue. It would save them face so that they could deal with it. We could use the failure of the Bush administration to carry out its pledge to rebuild Panama to create new options for us both with Panama and with the Haitian refugee issue.

If I can be of any use to you on this, just let me know. I will be more than happy to do or to find out whatever I can.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Schattman

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