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FROM: PRESIDENT

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Again, thank you for your letter and for sharing your concerns. I look forward to continuing to work closely with Congress to advance the cause of democracy for Cuba.

Sincerely,

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Washington, D.C. 20515-0921

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House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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ACTION

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE *AL*  
SUSAN BROPHY *SB*

SUBJECT: Response to Congressional Letter Regarding  
Safehavens for Cubans

Purpose

To respond to Congressman Diaz-Balart's letter to you concerning the status of Cuban migrants in U.S. safehavens.

Background

Congressman Diaz-Balart wrote to you to urge that you put an end to the policy of "indefinite detention" of Cubans in safehavens.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached letter (Tab A) to Congressman Diaz-Balart.

## Attachment

Tab A Letter to Congressman Diaz-Balart  
Tab B Letter from Congressman Diaz-Balart

LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART  
21ST DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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**Washington, DC 20515-0921**

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September 30, 1994

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

During the two years that I have been in Congress as a member of the loyal opposition, I have supported initiatives of yours when I have considered them to be in the best interests of the American people. I have, furthermore, always publicly supported your position on the U.S. embargo against the Cuban dictatorship. I think that one of the great strengths of our system of government is that members of the opposition party such as I can respectfully support initiatives in the national interest that are proposed by a President of another party.

That spirit of respect compels me now to point out an area where I believe you are engaging in a profoundly incorrect policy, Mr. President: The indefinite detention of Cuban refugees.

During the refugee crisis created by Castro this summer which ended after the unfortunate termination of the long-standing American policy of granting asylum to Cubans fleeing Communism, over 30,000 Cubans were taken to "safe havens" in Guantanamo and Panama, where they remain to this day and where they are told they must remain indefinitely or return to Cuba in order to seek entry into the United States. Additional hundreds remain detained in camps on U.S. soil.

It is critical, Mr. President, that you not continue to keep the Cuban refugees in indefinite detention. Your hard work on the Haitian situation gave hope to the Haitian refugees in Guantanamo, and they have now begun to return to a better future in their country. The Cuban refugees, on the other hand, are not being given hope for a free and dignified future, but rather, those in Guantanamo and Panama are told they must return to the

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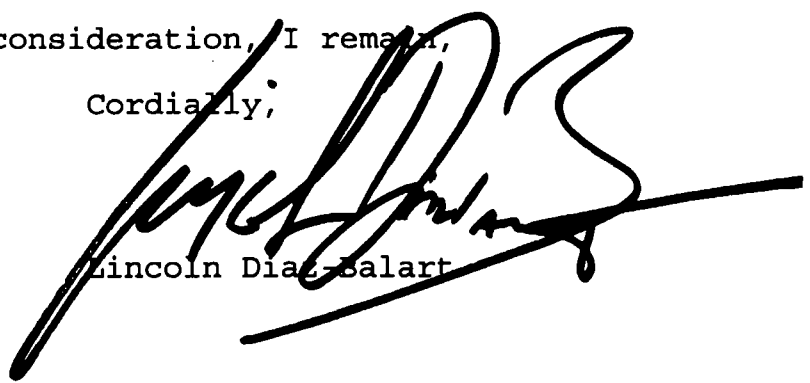
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Thanking you for your consideration, I remain,

Cordially;



Lincoln Diaz-Balart

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

October 18, 1994

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: MORTON HALPERIN *mf*  
FROM: ROBERT MALLEY *RM*  
SUBJECT: Response to Congressional Letter Regarding  
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Concurrence by: Bill Danvers, Manuel Rocha *WDS* *gmr*

RECOMMENDATION

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Tab A Letter to Congressman Diaz-Balart  
Tab B Letter from Congressman Diaz-Balart

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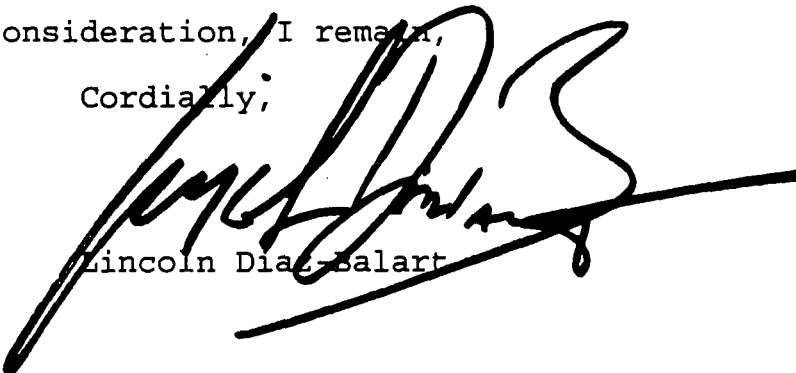
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