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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 30, 1994

Dear Representative Ros-Lehtinen:

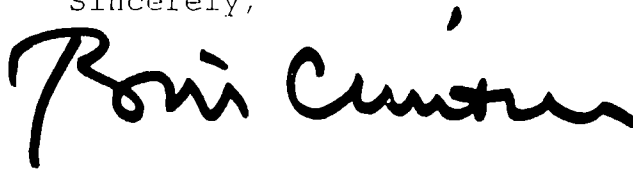
Thank you for your letter regarding Cuban migrants currently under United States safehaven protection. I want to assure you once again that I share your concerns about their well-being and have directed my Administration to make every effort to improve living conditions at Guantanamo and in Panama.

Many of the steps recommended by the Human Rights Committee already have been taken. Although much work remains to be done, significant progress has been made in terms of hygiene, medical assistance, housing, religious services, recreational facilities and communications with the outside world. As for private contributions for Cubans in safehavens, my Administration has welcomed and will continue to welcome such generous offers of help. They are in the best tradition of this country and its Cuban-American community in particular.

As you are aware, I also have taken a series of humanitarian steps to parole into the U.S. all unaccompanied children, people over seventy and people suffering from serious medical conditions. At the same time, I ordered a review of the status of all children in safehavens.

The only lasting solution to this problem remains a peaceful transition to democracy in Cuba. To that end, I look forward to working with you and others in the Congress on a strong bipartisan policy towards Cuba.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN
18TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

October 7, 1994

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Several constituents have sent me a communique entitled "Human Rights Committee for Imprisoned Cuban Rafterers," which is endorsed by several human rights associations and organizations serving refugees.

The enclosed publication states that the humanitarian rights of the Cuban refugees have been violated. It also makes the legal and moral case against the U.S. government for violations of human rights. Lastly, it proposes eight steps for improvements in the current situation of the imprisoned Cuban refugees.

The facts indicate that refugees of Cuban descent are being interned for indefinite time behind concertina-wire detention camps in Krome, Port Isabel, Panama and Guantanamo. They lack proper diet causing epidemics, dehydration and diarrhea. They also lack proper medical attention in the form of medicines and services. Prevailing conditions also include a lack of: communications between refugees and their U.S. relatives, access to religious services, schooling, water supplies, sanitary and proper living conditions, registration of babies born, and legal immigration rights and due process. The detainment policy costs the U.S. government over \$450 million dollars. Yet, the Administration has denied offers of food, medicines, water and medical attention and delayed shipments.

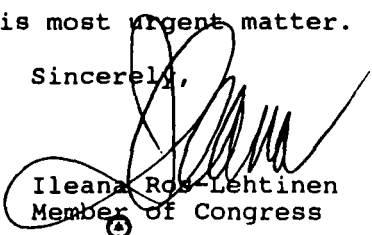
The Human Rights Committee contends that the U.S. Government has violated Articles 2, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 25 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It also contends that the U.S. Immigration and National Act of 1952 (INA), as amended (8 USC, article 1101 et seq.) is violated because the Attorney General has not allowed Cuban relatives of U.S. citizens to apply for immigration. In particular, Cubans on U.S. shores are denied the right to apply for asylum. And, there is no due process for Cuban rafters as required by Article 14 of the U.S. Declaration of Human Rights.

Morally, the Human Rights Committee believes that it is not in the U.S. interest to imprison freedom seekers from a totalitarian state into detention camps. They compare the refugees' confinement to those of the 1940s when American citizens of Japanese descent were herded into internment camps. The Human Rights Committee believes it is inhumane to keep innocent human beings in crowded camps barely fit for human habitation. The recent immigration agreement with Cuba, they feel, makes the U.S. a partner with the Castro government in a repressive act against Cuban refugees.

Lastly, the Human Rights Committee recommends eight steps to improve the current situation for imprisoned Cuban rafters: 1) an assessment by a consortium of human rights organizations of the needs and requirements of the rafters; 2) greater communication between Cuban rafters and their U.S. relatives; 3) freeing the 2,500 Cubans imprisoned prior to August 19, 1994; 4) allowance of humanitarian assistance to the camps; 5) allowance of volunteer organizations to provide for Cubans resettling outside Cuba; 6) authorization of Cuban relatives of U.S. citizens to immigrate under the family-sponsored provisions of U.S. immigration law; 7) permitting those Cubans who have suffered political imprisonment and persecution to seek political asylum; and 8) bestowing temporary status of parole up to 18 months for the remaining Cuban rafters.

Thank you for your attention to this most urgent matter.

Sincerely,


Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
Member of Congress

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

November 10, 1994

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: MORTON HALPERIN *MH*FROM: ROBERT MALLEY *RM*SUBJECT: Response to Representative Ros-Lehtinen Letter
Concerning Cubans in Safehavens

Representative Ros-Lehtinen has written to the President passing along criticisms and suggestions from the "Human Rights Committee for Imprisoned Cuban Rrafters" concerning the fate of Cubans in U.S. safehavens.

The attached memorandum to the President recommends that he respond with the letter attached at Tab A *WJ*

Concurrence by: Eric Schwartz, Bill Danvers, Manuel Rocha *gmm*RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President attached at Tab I.

Attachment

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A Letter to Representative Ros-Lehtinen

Tab B Letter from Representative Ros-Lehtinen

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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November 29, 1994

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ANTHONY LAKE *AL*PATRICK GRIFFIN *PG*

SUBJECT:

Response to Representative Ros-Lehtinen Concerning
Cubans in SafehavensPurpose

To respond to Representative Ros-Lehtinen's letter passing along suggestions by the "Human Rights Committee for Imprisoned Cuban Rafterers."

Background

Representative Ros-Lehtinen wrote to you to pass along suggestions and criticisms of U.S. policy towards Cuban migrants as expressed by the "Human Rights Committee for Imprisoned Cuban Rafterers." The Committee charges that the U.S. is violating both international law and domestic immigration law and recommends a series of steps to improve the situation.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached letter (Tab A) to Representative Ros-Lehtinen.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Representative Ros-Lehtinen

Tab B Letter from Representative Ros-Lehtinen

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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JOHN W. FICKLIN

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