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DATE: 29 JUN 95

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: ROS-LEHTINEN

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 27 JUN 95

SUBJ: REPLY RE CUBAN RAFTERS REPATRIATED TO CUBA 2 MAY

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 30 JUN 95

COMMENT:

FOR



JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 27, 1995

Dear Representative Ros-Lehtinen:

Thank you for your letter regarding thirteen Cuban rafters who were returned to Cuba last month.

I share your concerns that Cubans with well-founded fears of persecution should have opportunities to migrate to the United States. For this reason, we have greatly expanded our in-country refugee program in Cuba, which is a major portion of our overall effort to ensure U.S. entry for 20,000 Cubans each year.

At the same time, however, we have a strong interest in discouraging dangerous boat departures that could jeopardize the lives of thousands of Cubans. We thus have sought to regularize migration patterns, first through the measures announced last August and more recently through a further modification of procedures announced on May 2.

Although the May 2 procedures include repatriation of rafters, we remain deeply concerned about the well-being of those who are rescued at sea. As indicated by the Attorney General, those with a genuine need for protection that they believe cannot be satisfied through in-country processing in Cuba will be examined before any return. Moreover, we are carefully monitoring the situations of those who are returned. This will enable us to ensure Cuban government compliance with commitments not to punish returnees for irregular departure or for seeking to emigrate. In fact, each of the 13 rafters to whom you referred in your letter has been visited by U.S. officials.

In conclusion, let me reaffirm our fundamental goal regarding Cuba: promoting Cuba's peaceful transition to democracy through measures envisaged in the Cuban Democracy Act. The Act permits us to enforce a comprehensive economic embargo to press the Cuban regime to end its human rights abuses and take meaningful steps toward democracy. At the same time, we will continue to reach out to the Cuban people through expanded humanitarian assistance and increased communication and information.

Thank you again for providing me with your views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
June 27, 1995

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ANTHONY LAKE *TL*
PATRICK GRIFFIN *PG*

SUBJECT: Letter on Cuban Rafter from Rep. Ros-Lehtinen

Purpose

Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen wrote to urge that you grant political asylum to thirteen Cuban rafters who were rescued by a cruise liner and then transferred to a Coast Guard cutter in early May. This was the first group of rafters returned to Cuba after the Attorney General's May 2 migration policy announcement.

I have attached a proposed response that outlines the reasoning behind our actions and emphasizes our commitments to protection of Cuban rafters and to U.S. resettlement of Cubans through orderly migration programs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Rep. Ros-Lehtinen at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Rep. Ros-Lehtinen
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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18TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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May 5, 1995

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

Dear Mr. President:

I urge you to grant political asylum to thirteen Cuban rafters who were rescued today by a cruise ship in the Caribbean while trying to flee the tyrannical Castro regime. I urge you not to repatriate these freedom-seeking Cubans who only wish to begin a new life away from the repression and misery of Castro.

According to press reports, these Cuban rafters were rescued by the Royal Caribbean cruise ship, Majesty of the Seas, and Coast Guard vessels were on their way to meet the cruise liner and take the Cubans aboard their Coast Guard vessel.

It is my hope that these Cubans are not inhumanely returned to Cuba where they will surely suffer reprisals and instead are granted political asylum. This is an opportunity for the Administration to once again reiterate the United States solidarity with the desire for freedom of the Cuban people. If these Cubans are returned it will signal place the US as an accomplice to the Cuban tyrant.

Once again, I urge you to grant these Cubans political asylum and not repatriate these freedom seeking Cubans.

Your urgent attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
Member of Congress

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 08, 1995

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ILEANA ROS LEHTINEN

SUBJECT: URGES PRESIDENT TO GRANT POLITICAL ASYLUM TO
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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June 20, 1995

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: RICHARD A. CLARKE *AK*
FROM: ERIC SCHWARTZ *ES*
SUBJECT: Letter on Cuban Rafters from Rep. Ros-Lehtinen

I have attached a memorandum to the President and a proposed response on the subject issue.

Concurrence by: Mort Halperin *MH*

RECOMMENDATION

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

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Letter to Rep. Ros-Lehtinen
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