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FROM: PRESIDENT

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1996

Dear Representative Ros-Lehtinen:

Thank you for your letter regarding our policy toward Cuba.

As you know, my Administration is committed to vigorous enforcement of all provisions of the embargo. In particular, I share your view that it would be inappropriate to issue a license for any trip whose underlying purpose was to evaluate investment prospects in Cuba.

The license request for Representative Moakley, which you mention in your letter, was carefully reviewed in light of all relevant provisions of law. It was only approved after the Departments of State and Treasury were fully satisfied that it complied with the regulations developed pursuant to the measures I announced on October 6, 1995, to promote support for the Cuban people.

With regard to Cuban migrants in the Bahamas, my Administration firmly believes that refugees in need of protection should not be returned to Cuba. We have consistently urged the Bahamian government to adhere to its international obligations toward refugees.

I appreciate you sharing your views with me on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0304

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

February 26, 1996

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE *AL*
JOHN HILLEY *JH*

SUBJECT: Response to Representative Ros-Lehtinen
Letter on Cuba

Purpose

To respond to a letter from Representative Ros-Lehtinen concerning U.S. policy toward Cuba.

Background

Representative Ros-Lehtinen has written to urge you to take action against U.S. businessmen who are visiting Cuba. She refers specifically to the recent visit in which Representative Moakley accompanied a group of businessmen and nongovernmental organizations to Cuba. As you know, this trip was licensed after extensive consultation with Representative Moakley's staff to ensure that it complied with U.S. laws and regulations.

Representative Ros-Lehtinen also urges you to stop the deportation to Cuba of migrants currently in the Bahamas. The Bahamas and Cuba recently reached an agreement under which illegal migrants from Cuba coming to the Bahamas would be returned home. The Administration's position has been that these agreements -- such as the one we reached with Cuba last May -- are acceptable so long as they are consistent with international obligations toward refugees. The Bahamas apparently intends to abide by these obligations and has been working with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to ensure that genuine refugees are not returned to Cuba.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Representative Ros-Lehtinen
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN
18TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

January 23, 1996

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☐ WASHINGTON, DC 20515-0918
(202) 225-3931

☐ DISTRICT OFFICE:
5757 BLUE LAGOON DRIVE
(NW 11TH STREET)
SUITE 240
MIAMI, FL 33126
(305) 361-1500

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

Dear Mr. President:

I respectfully urge the Administration to take tougher action against United States businessmen who are visiting Cuba in an attempt to circumvent the US embargo against the Castro tyranny under the guise of human rights or journalistic purposes, and I further urge you to intervene to stop the possible deportation back to the enslaved island of Cuba of refugees seeking freedom and democracy in the Bahamas.

Recent decisions by the Administration to grant permission for some representatives of US corporations to visit Cuba have raised concerns about the commitment of the United States government to enforce our embargo. Most worrisome have been recent decisions to grant permission to a delegation of twenty four individuals, led by Congressman Joe Moakley of Massachusetts, to travel to Cuba on a trip which Mr. Moakley himself had originally characterized as a trade mission. It was only after pressure mounted that the trip was characterized as a human rights mission, yet the excursion to Cuba included representatives of Boston based corporations (ITT Sheraton, Gillette, and Bank of Boston), none of which have anything to do with the promotion of human rights. The blatant commercial purposes of this "human rights mission" were demonstrated when the delegation met with the President of the Cuban Chamber of Commerce, the head of the Cuban Central Bank and the Minister of Foreign Investment and other Castro officials who are attempting to attract foreign investment to the island.

While Castro promotes superficial changes in his regime to salvage his failed revolution, the repression in Cuba remains unabated. Hundreds of Cuban refugees face being sent back to this oppression by the government of the Bahamas which has reached an agreement with the Cuban tyrant on this matter. Sending these refugees back to Cuba would mean their return to a system that recognizes no rights and liberties for individuals, which persecutes those who dare to challenge Castro's authority, and which has already taken action against others who have been sent back after attempting to escape the island.

I urge you to intervene to help these poor refugees by granting them entry into the United States so that they can begin a new life in freedom and democracy as they so desperately desire.

Once again, Mr. President, I respectfully emphasize the importance of enforcing the US embargo against Castro by taking a strong stance against those businessmen who attempt to circumvent US law and I implore you to help the Cuban refugees seeking freedom and democracy in the Bahamas.

Your immediate attention to these matters will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
Member of Congress

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I think it can go
as it is.

Rick Muccio & Rob Malley
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Thanks.

Agree - issues/policies referenced
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Tab A Letter to Representative Ros-Lehtinen
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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February 21, 1996

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: RICHARD NUCCIO *RM*

FROM: ROBERT MALLEY *RM*

SUBJECT: Response to Ros-Lehtinen Letter to the President

Representative Ros-Lehtinen has written to the POTUS to urge him to take action against U.S. businessmen who visit Cuba and to stop the deportation of Cuban migrants from the Bahamas.

Concurrence by: Bill Danvers *BD*

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

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JOHN W. FICKLIN

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