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TO: MEEK, CARRIE
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FROM: PRESIDENT

DOC DATE: 29 DEC 97
SOURCE REF:

KEYWORDS: IMMIGRATION
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PERSONS:

SUBJECT: LTRS RE HAITIAN IMMIGRATION POLICY

ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 04 NOV 97 STATUS: C

STAFF OFFICER: BUSBY

LOGREF: 9707442 9707725

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002	BERGER	Z	97112617	FWD TO PRESIDENT FOR SIGNATURE
002	HILLEY, J	Z	97120815	FOR SIGNATURE
002	EXECSEC	Z	97121512	FOR FURTHER ACTION
003	PRESIDENT	Z	97122915	FOR SIGNATURE
004		X	98010214	PRESIDENT SGD LTRS
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DISPATCH DATA SUMMARY REPORT

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004	971229	CARSON, JULIA	
004	971229	CHRISTIAN-GREEN, DONNA	
004	971229	CLAYTON, EVA	
004	971229	CLYBURN, JAMES E	
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004	971229	DAVIS, DANNY	
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004	971229	DIXON, JULIAN C	
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004	971229	JACKSON, JESSE JR	
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NSC/RMO PROFILE

RECORD ID: 9707206
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TO: PRESIDENT

FROM: WATERS, MAXINE
MEEK, CARRIE
WATT, MELVIN

DOC DATE: 21 OCT 97
SOURCE REF:

KEYWORDS: IMMIGRATION
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HAITI

PERSONS:

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS LTR RE HAITIAN IMMIGRATION

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR BERGER

DUE DATE: 04 NOV 97 STATUS: S

STAFF OFFICER: BUSBY

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CLARKE
DAVIS
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FOR INFO

BRAINARD, L
DOBBINS
SCHWARTZ
SIMON

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Davies	_____	_____	_____
Kerrick	_____	_____	_____
Steinberg	_____	_____	_____
Berger	_____	_____	_____
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Kerrick	<u>2</u>	<u>12/1</u>	
Steinberg	<u>3</u>		
Berger	<u>4</u>		
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Steinberg			
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Situation Room			
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COMMENTS:

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Millison, Cathy L.

From: Sparks, John E.
Sent: Monday, December 01, 1997 8:56 AM
To: Poole, Jennifer C.; @LEGAL - Legal Advisor
Cc: @CROSS - Cross Hatches; @INTERAM - Inter-American
Subject: RE: Package 7206 [UNCLASSIFIED]

cleared for legal.

-----Original Message-----

From: Poole, Jennifer C.
Sent: Saturday, November 29, 1997 2:12 PM
To: @LEGAL - Legal Advisor
Cc: @CROSS - Cross Hatches; @INTERAM - Inter-American
Subject: Package 7206 [UNCLASSIFIED]

Legal:

Don Kerrick has requested your clearance on the attached package, a response to a letter from the Congressional Black Caucus on Immigration Relief for Haitians. Please email your clearance to @cross; if you make changes, please use the Revision function. Thank you.

(@cross: hold bin)

jcp

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1997

Dear Carrie:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

As you know, I fought very hard to have certain Haitians included in the bill providing immigration relief to Central Americans. I believe that considerations of fairness and humanitarianism justified doing so. I regret that the Congress did not see fit to incorporate my Administration's proposal.

Nevertheless, as I have said publicly, I am committed to seeking legislative relief early in the next session of Congress for Haitians who, like Central Americans, came to this country fleeing persecution and civil strife. While we pursue this solution, my Administration will take appropriate administrative action to ensure that no such Haitian is deported.

I appreciate your support for this initiative and look forward to working with you during the next session of Congress.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Carrie P. Meek
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1997

Dear Sanford:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

As you know, I fought very hard to have certain Haitians included in the bill providing immigration relief to Central Americans. I believe that considerations of fairness and humanitarianism justified doing so. I regret that the Congress did not see fit to incorporate my Administration's proposal.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1002

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1997

Dear Corrine:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

As you know, I fought very hard to have certain Haitians included in the bill providing immigration relief to Central Americans. I believe that considerations of fairness and humanitarianism justified doing so. I regret that the Congress did not see fit to incorporate my Administration's proposal.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Corrine Brown
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0903

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1997

Dear Julia:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Julia M. Carson
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1410

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1997

Dear Donna:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Donna Christian-Green
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-5501

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 29, 1997

Dear Eva:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

As you know, I fought very hard to have certain Haitians included in the bill providing immigration relief to Central Americans. I believe that considerations of fairness and humanitarianism justified doing so. I regret that the Congress did not see fit to incorporate my Administration's proposal.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Eva M. Clayton
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3301

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1997

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable James E. Clyburn
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-4006

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1997

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2214

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1997

Dear Danny:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

As you know, I fought very hard to have certain Haitians included in the bill providing immigration relief to Central Americans. I believe that considerations of fairness and humanitarianism justified doing so. I regret that the Congress did not see fit to incorporate my Administration's proposal.

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I appreciate your support for this initiative and look forward to working with you during the next session of Congress.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Danny K. Davis
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1307

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1997

Dear Ron:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

As you know, I fought very hard to have certain Haitians included in the bill providing immigration relief to Central Americans. I believe that considerations of fairness and humanitarianism justified doing so. I regret that the Congress did not see fit to incorporate my Administration's proposal.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Ronald V. Dellums
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0509

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1997

Dear Julian:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Julian C. Dixon
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0532

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1997

Dear Lane:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

As you know, I fought very hard to have certain Haitians included in the bill providing immigration relief to Central Americans. I believe that considerations of fairness and humanitarianism justified doing so. I regret that the Congress did not see fit to incorporate my Administration's proposal.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Lane Evans
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1317

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1997

Dear Chaka:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Chaka Fattah
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3802

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1997

Dear Floyd:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

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I appreciate your support for this initiative and look forward to working with you during the next session of Congress.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Floyd H. Flake
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3206

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 29, 1997

Dear Harold:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Harold E. Ford, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-4209

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 29, 1997

Dear Alcee:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Alcee L. Hastings
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0923

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 29, 1997

Dear Earl:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Earl F. Hilliard
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0107

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 29, 1997

Dear Jesse:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Jesse Jackson, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1302

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1997

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable William J. Jefferson
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1802

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 29, 1997

Dear Eddie Bernice:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I assist in providing immigration relief to Haitians in the United States.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-4330

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 29, 1997

Dear Carolyn:

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The Honorable Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2215

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 29, 1997

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The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-4318

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The Honorable John Lewis
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1005

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The Honorable Cynthia A. McKinney
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1004

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The Honorable Juanita M. Millender-McDonald
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0537

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The Honorable James L. Oberstar
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2308

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The Honorable Major R. Owens
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3211

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The Honorable Donald M. Payne
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Washington, D.C. 20515-3010

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The Honorable Bobby L. Rush
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1301

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The Honorable Robert C. Scott
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-4603

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The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2402

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The Honorable Maxine Waters
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0535

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The Honorable Melvin L. Watt
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3312

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The Honorable Albert Russell Wynn
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2004

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The Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman
Chairman
Committee on International Relations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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December 29, 1997

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The Honorable Lincoln Diaz-Balart
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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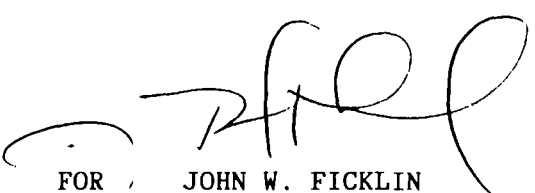
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December 29, 1997

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER 
JOHN HILLEY 
SUBJECT: Immigration Relief for Haitians

Purpose

Reply to Members of the Congressional Black Caucus and others urging you to assist in providing immigration relief for Haitians.

Background

Like Central Americans, many Haitians came to this country fleeing persecution and political violence and have established strong ties here.

You urged the Congress to include certain Haitians in recent immigration legislation benefiting Central Americans, but this effort was unsuccessful. You note that you are committed to seeking a legislative solution for Haitians early in the next session of Congress.

RECOMMENDATION

Sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter for Signature

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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November 26, 1997

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: ERIC SCHWARTZ *ES*

FROM: SCOTT BUSBY *SB*

SUBJECT: Immigration Relief for Haitians

Attached is a memorandum to the President and a proposed response on the above subject.

Concurrence by: *KH (via e-mail)* Karl Hofmann; *MR (via e-mail)* Mara Rudman; *(via E-mail)* John Sparks

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A Proposed Response

Tab B Incoming Correspondence



105th Congress

Congressional Black Caucus

Congress of the United States

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October 21, 1997

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The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We commend your leadership in proposing legislation which provides that the pending applications of Nicaraguans, Guatemalans, and Salvadorans be considered under the standards of the old immigration law that were in effect when they entered the country. We strongly request your assistance in ensuring that Haitians be included in the final version of this legislation.

Like Central Americans, Haitians face unjust deportation because their pending applications are subject to the provisions of the immigration law enacted last year. Like Central Americans, Haitians have made vital contributions to their local communities in this country. Unfairly deporting them will tear apart many families who have abided by our laws.

As you know, on October 7 the Senate approved, by a vote of 99-1, the Mack-Graham-Kennedy immigration amendment to the District of Columbia appropriations bill as a first step in enacting this legislation. The House version of the District of Columbia appropriations bill, as passed by the House on October 9, has no comparable provision, and so this matter will ultimately be resolved by the conferees of the House and the Senate in consultation with your Administration.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service ("INS") reports that as of September 30, 1996 applications for asylum were pending from about 18,000 Haitians, 21,000 Nicaraguans, 118,000 Guatemalans, and 191,000 Salvadorans. We strongly believe that applicants from all four of these countries should be judged by the standards that were in effect when they sought asylum and not by the more stringent standards established last year by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.

Both you and President Bush have permitted Haitians to lawfully enter this country because of the unrest in Haiti. Following the military coup in Haiti in September 1991, the Coast Guard transported Haitians interdicted at sea to the United States base at Guantanamo, Cuba, where the INS made a preliminary determination on the validity of their asylum claims. Based on this screening, the INS permitted about 10,000 of these Haitians to enter the United States before President Bush decided in May 1992 that all interdicted Haitians should be returned. In May 1994, you decided that the United States would resume its policy of not returning interdicted Haitians to Haiti, and since then about 4,000 Haitians have been allowed to enter this country so that the INS can make a final decision on their asylum applications.

We look forward to working with you on this very important human problem.

Sincerely,

Margine Waters

Carrie P. Meek

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ALCEE L. HASTINGS
23D CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT,
FLORIDA

COMMITTEE ON
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE



**Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0923**

October 22, 1997

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

I write to express my opposition to the agreement reached between Congressman Lamar Smith and Congressman Lincoln Diaz-Balart and also to request that you include Haitian refugees in your draft of H.R. 2533.

The Smith/Diaz-Balart agreement distinguishes between different groups of refugees by granting amnesty to refugees from Nicaragua, allowing Salvadorans and Guatemalans to be covered under the old immigration laws, and insisting that all other refugees, including Haitians, be covered under the new, more stringent immigration law which was passed last year by Congress.

Under this plan a new system will be created where some refugees will be favored over others. This is unfair, undemocratic, un-American and unacceptable. It is my understanding that you favor treating all Central Americans equally. I agree with this and request that you take it one step further: ALL refugees should be treated equally, whether they be from Central America, Haiti, China, or Russia.

In my district, which includes a large Haitian constituency, great concern has been expressed that Congress will enact legislation to grandfather Central Americans under the old suspension of deportation provisions to the exclusion of Haitians who are similarly situated. I would be opposed to any legislation which denies any group equal protection under the law. Therefore I request that you include Haitian refugees in your draft of H.R. 2533.

Extending to Haitians the same benefits that we extend to Central Americans is the only just thing to do. Please take my request into careful consideration. I thank you for your prompt and serious attention to the matter.

Sincerely,

Alcee L. Hastings
Alcee L. Hastings, M.C.

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November 5, 1997

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you very much for the courageous stand you took against racial discrimination by supporting the inclusion of Black Haitians in the remedial immigration legislation that Congress is now considering.

As you know from our October 21 letter to you, this is the single most important immigration issue affecting people of color. It is extremely important to me and to other members of the Congressional Black Caucus. Your strong and active support is absolutely essential to our chances for success and for determining the type of relief provided to Haitians.

In this regard, I earnestly and strongly urge you to push for equal treatment for Haitians under the law. I believe that this is a matter of justice, which my community has felt has always been a guiding principle of your administration.

The Republican leadership proposes a "two-tier" system that is inherently unfair: (1) amnesty and residency for Nicaraguans and (2) the opportunity for Guatemalans and Salvadorans to apply for suspension of deportation under the standards of the old immigration law.

You and President Bush admitted about 14,000 Haitian immigrants to this country after the INS screened them and determined that they had valid asylum claims. These 14,000 Haitians--whose fears of persecution are, in a very practical and basic way, indistinguishable from those of Nicaraguans--should receive exactly the same amnesty relief that Nicaraguans would get.

This is a practical consideration and not just a matter of simple justice. Haiti's fragile democracy and precarious economic situation would be further endangered by

the deportation of thousands of Haitian asylum seekers--exactly the same concern that Nicaraguan officials have expressed to you. In addition, unequal treatment undermines respect for the law and makes implementation difficult.

Mr. President, you have been to Miami many times, and you know firsthand the rich diversity of our community. It is arbitrary, unfair and divisive to provide different levels of relief to immigrants who live and work side by side in our community, when their experiences in fleeing political persecution and the value of the contributions they make to our community are similar in so many ways.

Miami was torn apart in the past when Black Haitians fleeing death and persecution were interdicted at sea and returned to Haiti, while White Cubans were welcomed with open arms. Please promote equal treatment of Haitians so that we are not forced to relive the mistakes of the past.

Finally, I strongly support your insistence that the provisions of the 1996 immigration law not be applied retroactively. Your Administration has been clear on this issue in both the decision in July of Attorney General Reno when she vacated the decision in Matter of N-J-B and your November 4 letter. The human importance of strongly resisting efforts by some Republican Members of Congress to apply the new immigration law retroactively is illustrated by the enclosed October 28 letter to Speaker Gingrich from one of my constituents, a young woman in Miami who fled Haiti in 1989 after she was forced to watch the execution of her parents.

We are all depending upon you, Mr. President, to do all you can in obtaining justice and equality for Haitians. Thank you for taking on this struggle.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carrie P. Meek". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CARRIE P. MEEK
Member of Congress

Enclosure

LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

21ST DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0921

November 8, 1997

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

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Dear Mr. President:

I write to extend my strong support for the effort to ensure that appropriate legislation be considered in the House that will permit Haitians, who fled civil unrest and who now live in the United States, to apply for legal immigration status.

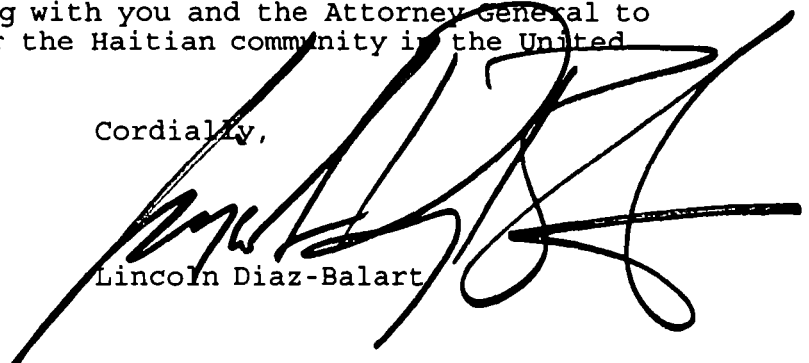
It is my understanding that legislation to remedy the concerns of the Haitian population in the United States will be introduced in the House and the Senate before the end of session this year.

As a cosponsor of H.R. 2442, introduced by my colleague Representative Meek, I will continue to work to ensure that the House considers appropriate legislation as soon as possible.

It is my understanding that, during the consideration of this legislation, you will be assisting Congressional efforts by using your Executive authority to allay the fears of deportation that now exist.

I look forward to working with you and the Attorney General to ensure an equitable result for the Haitian community in the United States.

Cordially,


Lincoln Diaz-Balart

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BENJAMIN A. GILMAN
20TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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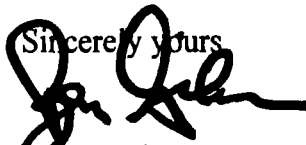
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The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to assure you that I will actively support the effort to consider appropriate legislation in the House of Representatives to permit certain Haitians who fled unrest during the de facto military regime and presently live in the U.S. to apply for legal immigration status. I understand that legislation regarding Haitian nationals will be introduced in Congress before the end of session.

I further understand that while this legislation is under consideration, you will authorize the Attorney General to take appropriate administrative actions to allay the concerns of affected Haitians residing in the U.S. I look forward to working with you to fashion an equitable solution that responds to the legitimate concerns of the Haitian community in the United States.

Sincerely yours


BENJAMIN A. GILMAN
Member of Congress

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 22, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR GLYN DAVIES
NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY
Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: Presidential Correspondence

Attached are copies of letters sent to the President by various Members of Congress. Since these letters address national security issues, we would appreciate your assistance in drafting a response.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris Walker at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Sen. John Ashcroft (R-MO) and others, concerning U.S. trade policy with China,
- 2) Sen. Dale Bumpers (D-AR), concerning air service agreement with Japan; and,
- 3) Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) and others, concerning proposed immigration legislation for Guatemalans, Salvadorans, and Nicaraguans.

Enclosures

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Staff Secretary -
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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER *MB*
JOHN HILLEY *John*

SUBJECT:

Immigration Relief for Haitians

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12/22/97*

Purpose

Reply to Members of the Congressional Black Caucus and others urging you to assist in providing immigration relief for Haitians.

Background

Like Central Americans, many Haitians came to this country fleeing persecution and political violence and have established strong ties here.

You urged the Congress to include certain Haitians in recent immigration legislation benefiting Central Americans, but this effort was unsuccessful. You note that you are committed to seeking a legislative solution for Haitians early in the next session of Congress.

RECOMMENDATION

Sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter for Signature

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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WASHINGTON

Dear Carrie:

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As you know, I fought very hard to have certain Haitians included in the bill providing immigration relief to Central Americans. I believe that considerations of fairness and humanitarianism justified such action. I regret that the Congress did not see fit to incorporate my Administration's proposal. *Living so*

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Nevertheless, as I have indicated in public statements about the *10* legislation that was adopted, I am committed to seeking legislative relief early in the next session of Congress for Haitians who, like Central Americans, came to this country fleeing persecution and civil strife. While we pursue this solution, my Administration will take appropriate administrative action to ensure that no such Haitian is deported.

I appreciate your support for this initiative and look forward to working with you during the next session of Congress.

Sincerely,

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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER
JOHN HILLEY

SUBJECT: Immigration Relief for Haitians

Purpose

To reply to ~~letters from~~ Members of the Congressional Black Caucus and others urging you to assist in providing immigration relief for Haitians.

Background

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus and several others wrote urging you to support efforts to provide immigration relief for Haitians. They note that, like Central Americans, many Haitians came to this country fleeing persecution and political violence and have established strong ties here.

Your response states that you urged the Congress to include certain Haitians in recent immigration legislation benefiting Central Americans, but that this effort was unsuccessful. You note that you are committed to seeking a legislative solution for Haitians early in the next session of Congress.

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