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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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October 30, 1997

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: ERIC SCHWARTZ

FROM: SCOTT BUSBY

SUBJECT: Haitians without Status in the United States

There is growing pressure to address the situation of Haitians in the bill relating to the immigration situation of Central Americans in the United States. The President may be asked about this issue while he is in Florida. Attached find an information memorandum on this subject.

Concurrence by: Karl Hofmann Anne Luzzatto

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A Talking Points

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT: Haitians without Status in the United States

In recent weeks, there has been growing concern about Haitians without legal status in the United States. While the legislative package on Central Americans that we are negotiating with the Republicans may help some Haitians, it does not reach the vast majority of them (approximately 11,000) who were paroled into the United States by the Bush Administration from November 1991 to June 1992 following President Aristide's ouster.

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus and other advocates for the Haitians are pushing very hard to provide relief -- preferably an amnesty like that proposed by the Republicans for Nicaraguans -- to the so-called "Guantanamo Haitians" as part of any legislative package that would assist Central Americans and other immigrants. They argue that any bill that provides relief to Central Americans but does not provide similar benefits to Haitians is discriminatory.

There is consensus within the ~~interagency~~ ^{government} that it is important to provide relief to these Haitians along the same lines that we have proposed for the Central Americans. We are working hard with the Congress to include Haitians in this way. However, if we are unsuccessful, we may need to explore the same administrative options (e.g., Deferred Enforced Departure) that we have vowed to consider for the Central Americans if the current legislation is unsuccessful. We are attaching talking points on this issue if it comes up during your trip to Florida.

Attachment

Tab A Talking Points on Haitians in the United States

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

Talking Points on Haitians in the United States

- Our original legislative proposal sought to provide greater fairness to all persons, including Haitians, who were eligible to apply for suspension of deportation prior to the enactment of the recent immigration law.
- We continue to fight for fairness and equal treatment in our negotiations with the Congress on this initiative. We are pushing hard for action on this issue before the end of this session of Congress.
- We understand that the proposals currently under consideration do not address the unique circumstances of the Haitians who the Bush Administration brought into the United States from Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in 1991 and 1992. We are pushing to find a legislative solution for this group. If that is not possible, we will explore administrative options as well.