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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 21, 1998

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter concerning the situation of Haitians in the United States.

I fully agree that Haitians who were forced to flee their country because of persecution and civil strife deserve the same treatment as Central Americans. My Administration will accordingly work with the Congress for early passage of legislation providing relief to these Haitians. In the interim, I have directed the Attorney General to defer deportation of Haitians who were paroled into the United States or applied for asylum prior to December 31, 1995 while we pursue this solution.

I continue to follow events in your country closely. Tony Lake has briefed me on his recent trips to Haiti. The current political stalemate you face is intensely frustrating for Haiti's friends here, as I know it is for you. The cost to Haiti -- in assistance programs cancelled, economic development foregone, goodwill diminished, and further hardships imposed -- is immense and still growing. You have, I know, tried to achieve compromise solutions to the electoral and other issues at the heart of the current impasse. I hope you will continue in these efforts in the coming days in order to allow Haiti to move forward once again.

Please be assured of my continued support for Haiti's democracy, and call upon us whenever we may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", written in a cursive style.

His Excellency
René Préval
President of the Republic of Haiti
Port-au-Prince

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 15, 1998

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT:

Response to President Preval of Haiti

Purpose

Reply to President Preval's letter on Haitians in the United States.

Background

President Preval asked you that Haitians who fled to the United States be granted immigration relief similar to that accorded to Nicaraguans under the recent immigration law. Your response reiterates your intent to seek such relief for Haitians once the Congress reconvenes, and your interim instruction to the Attorney General to defer enforced departure of certain Haitians. Your response also indicates that you have closely followed his actions, and Tony Lake's visits, aimed at unblocking Haiti's political impasse, and notes the dramatic impact of the continuing impasse on Haiti's economy and development. You urge Preval to persevere toward an inclusive compromise solution.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached letter.

Attachments

Tab A Response to President Preval

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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January 5, 1998

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: JAMES F. DOBBINS *H for*

FROM: KARL HOFMANN *H*

SUBJECT: President's Response to President Preval

Attached is the President's response to President Preval on relief for Haitian migrants in the United States, and on the general situation in Haiti.

Concurrence by: Scott Busby, Mara Rudman *H for*

RECOMMENDATION

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→ PDB / Diana
① Where was this letter from Jan 5 to Jan. 12?

② And JF's whether we should add (in budget) double SF to letter as encouragement.

Want to know answer, please, WED



LE PRÉSIDENT DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE

PN/RP/MJJB/408

November 6, 1997

Dear President Clinton:

I write to extend my sincerest appreciation for your recent efforts to assist Haitian citizens in the United States who are seeking to obtain lawful permanent resident status equal to that proposed for Nicaraguan citizens. Your support for democracy in Haiti and for equal treatment for Haitian refugees is a hallmark of your administration and will always be a source of pride and admiration for Haitians in our country and for those living abroad.

We recognize the importance of equal treatment for our citizens abroad as I know you recognize the current economic and political situation in my country. We applaud your efforts and hope that you will ensure that Haitians who are currently in the United States will be given the same status as that accorded to Nicaraguan citizens in the legislation currently proposed in Congress.

Please accept the assurances of our highest regard.

René Préval

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

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

December 15, 1997

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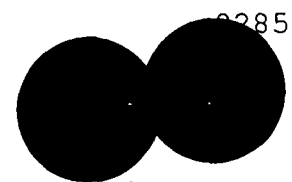
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I continue to follow events in your country with close^{ly} and ~~sympathetic attention~~. Tony Lake has briefed me on his recent trips to Haiti. The current political stalemate you face is intensely frustrating for Haiti's friends here, as I know it is for you. The cost to Haiti -- in assistance programs cancelled, economic development foregone, goodwill diminished, and further hardships imposed -- is immense and still growing. You have, I know, tried to achieve compromise solutions to the electoral and other issues at the heart of the current impasse. I hope you will continue in these efforts in the coming days in order to allow Haiti to move forward once again.

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As I ^{have}~~said~~ previously stated, ^{I believe} Haitians who were forced to flee their country because of persecution and civil strife deserve the same treatment as Central Americans. ^{Consequently, I}~~My Administration~~ will work with the Congress for early passage of legislation providing relief to these Haitians, and take appropriate administrative action to stay their deportation while we pursue this solution. ✓

Tony Lake has briefed me on his recent trips to Haiti and the difficult political situation you face. Your actions to unblock the impasse over elections were an important step forward; I urge you to continue to search for an inclusive solution to this impasse, in the interests of all Haitians. It is vital that Haiti's democracy develop pluralistic, multiparty roots, and that the Haitian economy resume its recovery, with the aid of substantial donor assistance that awaits parliamentary action.

I continue to follow events in your country closely. I hope you will call upon me when you believe we can be of assistance as you work your way through the difficult challenges you face.

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