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FROM: ROS-LEHTINEN, ILEANA

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SUBJECT: CUBAN NATLS DETAINED IN BAHAMAS

ACTION: NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED

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ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN
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March 24, 1998

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

MAR 25 2:46:19

Dear Mr. President:

I contact you once again to respectfully urge you to help the hundreds of Cuban nationals who remain detained in the Bahamas after risking their lives in rickety vessels to flee the Castro regime. A group of the detainees, desperate to begin their lives in freedom, just initiated a hunger strike to protest their unjust detention and grave living conditions at the detention camps. There are 114 men, 17 women and 11 children detained in the camps.

I urge you to pressure the Bahamian government to improve the living conditions at the detention centers where the Cuban refugees are held. Recent press reports detail the grave conditions in these detention centers which many of the detainees characterize as "inhuman." Secondly, I exhort you to grant political asylum to those detainees who have families and sponsors in the United States willing to take responsibility for them. Lastly, it would be a great humanitarian gesture if the US could find adequate third countries so that the refugees without families in the US can obtain asylum or remain in freedom while they try to legalize their entry to the U.S.

These Cuban detainees are victims of the brutal repression of the Castro dictatorship. The United States should aid these poor souls in beginning a new life in freedom and democracy as they desperately desire.

Your urgent attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

FROM:

BOS-LEHTINEN, ILEANA

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No response necessary. We responded to a virtually identical letter from the same Member a couple of

4/17/98

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Per Scott?

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**THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET**

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 15, 1998

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ILEANA ROS LEHTINEN

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING THE STATUS OF
CUBAN NATIONALS DETAINED IN THE BAHAMAS

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