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RECEIVED: 30 JUN 99 15

TO: ROS-LEHTINEN, ILEANA

FROM: PRESIDENT

DOC DATE: 19 JUL 99
SOURCE REF:

KEYWORDS: COAST GUARD
REFUGEES

CUBA
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PERSONS:

SUBJECT: REPLY TO LTR FM REP ROS-LEHTINEN RE COAST GUARD INTERDICTED SIX
CUBAN MIGRANTS

ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 12 JUL 99 STATUS: C

STAFF OFFICER: PETERMAN

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COMMENTS: Reply to Ltr for Rep. Ros-Lehtinen

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Reply to Ltr for Rep. Ros. Keltner

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 19, 1999

Dear Representative Ros-Lehtinen:

Thank you for your letter to the Vice President and me concerning the televised incident involving the Coast Guard and illegal Cuban migrants off the coast of Miami. I agree that the video portrayed an image of the Coast Guard that belies its reputation.

As you know, our Coast Guard has an excellent record of protecting the lives and safety of all people at sea. In fact, Coast Guard personnel have rescued tens of thousands of Cuban migrants over the years, while effectively enforcing U.S. immigration laws and policies. To maintain that high standard, the Coast Guard routinely reviews the actions of its personnel to ensure compliance with current law and procedures. Immediately after learning of the incident, the Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Jim Loy, directed a full investigation of the actions taken by Coast Guard officials. I understand he personally notified you of his decision and will provide you with a copy of the report when the investigation is complete.

Again, thank you for writing regarding this important matter, and for your support of the Coast Guard's investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 16, 1999

Signed 7-19-99
 ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER *(K) fm*
LARRY STEIN *413*

SUBJECT:

Reply to a Letter from Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen

Purpose

To respond to a letter from Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen.

Background

On June 29, the Coast Guard interdicted six Cuban migrants a few hundred yards off Miami Beach in accordance with long-standing policy to prevent such individuals from reaching dry ground. They had apparently been brought into U.S. waters by alien smugglers. Live press coverage showed Coast Guard law enforcement officers using a fire hose and pepper spray to restrain them. Two made it to the beach, and the other four were brought to shore later in conjunction with an investigation into the incident. Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen's letters to you and the Vice President ask that the Coast Guard investigate the actions of the officials involved for possible violations of human rights and existing procedures.

The Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Loy, immediately convened an investigation after learning of the incident. And, he personally notified Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen of his decision and promised her a copy of the investigation results. Your reply reaffirms our commitment to a full investigation of the incident.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Reply to Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen

Tab B Letter from Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN
18TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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(305) 275-1800
FAX (305) 275-1801

June 29, 1999

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

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing on a matter of grave concern and to enlist your cooperation for an immediate investigation of the events which unfolded off the coast of Florida, today, June 29th between Cuban rafters seeking asylum and U.S. Coast Guard officials.

According to the video footage by news sources in Miami, six Cuban refugees reached U.S. territorial waters in the early afternoon and were subsequently approached by U.S. Coast Guard boats who opened water cannons on the rafters, causing some of them to fall overboard. As the rafters started to swim to safety, the smaller Coast Guard vessels pursued them and pushed them against the sand. It is reported that only after the Coast Guard had completed its attack on these defenseless freedom seekers, did they proceed to take them into custody.

These actions merit an immediate and comprehensive investigation. If confirmed, I ask that action be taken regarding these Coast Guard officials who gave the orders which violated the basic human rights of these Cuban refugees and appears to have violated U.S. guidelines on how to deal with such situations.

Your personal attention to this matter is greatly appreciated to ensure due diligence in the investigation and resolution of this case.

Sincerely,

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
Member of Congress

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

July 7, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL BERGER *② R*

THROUGH: ROBERT BELL *JB for*

FROM: BRIAN PETERMAN *B*

SUBJECT: Reply to a Letter from Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen

The memo at Tab I recommends the POTUS sign the reply letter to Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen at Tab A. The Vice President received an identical letter from the Congresswoman and his office has asked that the POTUS answer for him as well.

Concurrence by: *in draft FA* *in draft SB* *in draft ML*
Fulton Armstrong, Scott Busby, Miles Lackey,
Fred Rosa, Michael Orfini
in draft FR *in draft MO*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

Attachment

Tab I Memo to POTUS

Tab A POTUS letter to Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen

Tab B Incoming letter from Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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18TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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June 29, 1999

The Honorable Albert Gore
Vice President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Vice President Gore:

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According to the video footage by news sources in Miami, six Cuban refugees reached U.S. territorial waters in the early afternoon and were subsequently approached by U.S. Coast Guard boats who opened water cannons on the rafters, causing some of them to fall overboard. As the rafters started to swim to safety, the smaller Coast Guard vessels pursued them and pushed them against the sand. It is reported that only after the Coast Guard had completed its attack on these defenseless freedom seekers, did they proceed to take them into custody.

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Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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PERSONS:

SUBJECT: COAST GUARD ACTION AGAINST CUBAN REFUGEES

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR BERGER

DUE DATE: 12 JUL 99 STATUS: S

STAFF OFFICER: PETERMAN

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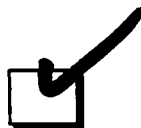
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IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

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DUE DATE: 7.12
DATE STAFFED: 6.30

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO:



PRESIDENT



NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

FROM: Rep Ros - Celotinen

PREPARE A RESPONSE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S OR NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR'S SIGNATURE WITHIN 10 DAYS. IF A LETTER DOES NOT REQUIRE A RESPONSE, PLEASE RETURN IT TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT (RM 379) WITH THIS FORM, ANNOTATED ACCORDINGLY.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Representative Ros-Lehtinen:

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Again, thank you for writing regarding this important matter, and your support of the Coast Guard's investigation.

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Sincerely,

The HONORABLE MICHAEL ROS-LEHTINEN
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Ros-Lehtinen:

Thank you for your letter to The Vice President and me concerning I thank you for your letters asking for an immediate investigation into the actions of the televised incident involving the Coast Guard and officials while interdicting six illegal-illegal Cuban migrants off the coast of MiamiMiami I agree that the video portrayed an image of the Coast Guard that belies its reputation. on June 29.

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Again, thank you for writing sharing with me your views on this incident-regarding this important matter, and your support of the Coast Guard's investigation.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen

House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

I hope you cover

Dear Representative Ros-Lehtinen:

The Vice President and ~~me~~ *to* thank you for your letters asking for an immediate investigation into the actions of Coast Guard officials while interdicting six illegal Cuban migrants off the coast of Miami on June 29.

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Sincerely,

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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Joshi, M. Kay (EXSEC)

From: Peterman, David (Brian) (DEFENSE)
Sent: Monday, July 12, 1999 2:07 PM
To: Joshi, M. Kay (EXSEC); Armstrong, Fulton T. (INTERAM); Busby, Scott W. (MULTI); Lackey, Miles M. (LEGIS)
Cc: @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
Subject: RE: Quick Review of Edits to Pkg 5017 [UNCLASSIFIED]

Yes--- we clear.

- Miles cleared via phone 7/12/99

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

From: Joshi, M. Kay (EXSEC)
Sent: Monday, July 12, 1999 2:06 PM
To: Peterman, David (Brian) (DEFENSE); Armstrong, Fulton T. (INTERAM); Busby, Scott W. (MULTI); Lackey, Miles M. (LEGIS)
Cc: @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
Subject: RE: Quick Review of Edits to Pkg 5017 [UNCLASSIFIED]

Any final clearance on this?

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Sent: Monday, July 12, 1999 9:04 AM
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DATE: 19 JUL 99

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CUBAN MIGRANTS

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 21 JUL 99

COMMENT:

FOR



JOHN W. FICKLIN

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