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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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January 28, 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: ERIC SCHWARTZ *ES*
FROM: WENDY PATTEN *WP*
SUBJECT: Letter from Sen. Jeff Bingaman Concerning the
Case of Elian Gonzalez

Attached is a memorandum to the President and proposed response to a letter from Senator Jeff Bingaman expressing his concern over the political storm surrounding the Elian Gonzalez case.

The NSC received the incoming correspondence on January 7, 2000.

Concurrences by: Mary DeRosa, Daniel Shapiro, Arturo Valenzuela *} via email*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached memorandum.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Letter to Sen. Bingaman on Elian Gonzalez
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

**THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET**

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PAGE 1

DATE RECEIVED:

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JEFF BINGAMAN

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO RESIST RESPONDING TO THE POLITICAL FORCES AROUND THE
DEBATE OF ELIAN GONZALEZ

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KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 6, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT A. BRADTKE
NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: CHARLES M. BRAIN
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 the responses.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call Courtney Crouch at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), concerning the case of Elian Gonzalez, the Cuban child recently rescued off the coast of Florida;
- 2) Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA), concerning the current conflict in Sudan and recent reports of a peace agreement between Sudan and Uganda and with the activities of the Greater Nile Petroleum Company;
- 3) Rep. Robert E. Andrews (D-NJ), requesting a clarification of U.S. Military and security assistance policies and practices toward Armenia and Azerbaijan;
- 4) Rep. Donald M. Payne (D-NJ), concerning the Sudan food-aid authorization provision passed at the end of the 106th Congress; and,
- 5) Rep. Nick Smith (R-MI), concerning the transfer of control of the Panama Canal from the United States to the Republic of Panama.

Enclosures

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Jeff:

Thank you for your letter regarding the case of Elian Gonzalez. I share your concern for the well-being of this six-year-old boy.

As you know, the Immigration and Naturalization Service announced its decision in this case on January 5. It decided that Elian Gonzalez's father, Juan Gonzalez, has the sole legal authority to speak for his son in immigration matters, and that the boy should be reunited with his father. INS and the Department of Justice are working hard to carry out the INS decision, which is currently being challenged in federal court.

Throughout this process, I have tried to ensure that this decision would be made according to the governing law and procedures, ^{and} not politics.

Again, thank you for sharing with me your concerns about this compelling case.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Jeff Bingaman
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: THE EXECUTIVE CLERK

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER
CHARLES M. BRAIN

SUBJECT: Letter from Senator Bingaman Concerning Elian
Gonzalez Case

Purpose

Letter from
Several Members of Congress
To respond to a ~~letter from Senator Jeff Bingaman~~ expressing his
concern over the ~~political forces unleashed by the~~ Elian
Gonzalez case.

Background

3 Members of Congress have written
Senator Jeff Bingaman wrote to express his dismay that groups on
both sides of the Elian Gonzalez issue have politicized the
matter. The letter urges you to resist responding to the
political storm surrounding the case so as to prevent any
further harm to the child.

Your response indicates that the Immigration and Naturalization
Service and the Department of Justice are working hard to carry
out the INS decision, which is currently being challenged in
federal court. The response also makes clear that you have
endeavored to ensure that the INS decision would be made
according to the applicable law and procedures, *and* not politics.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached response.

Attachment

Tab A Response to Letter from Bingaman

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3102

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Jeff Byrd
U.S.S.

President William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

PRESIDENTIAL/NSA CORRESPONDENCE

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CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO:



PRESIDENT



NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

FROM: Biganman, Jeff

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