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MEMORANDUM FOR: DOT HS

FROM: SUE J. SMITH
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SUBJECT: REFERRAL OF CASEWORK IN BULK

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Room 6, OEOB
The White House
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From: Emilio J Menendez <emilio@netox.net> on 06/29/99 11:16 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: the atrosodies of the florida coast

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 208.153.146.9 [208.153.146.9]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; Windows 95)
URL:
http://www1.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Emilio J Menendez
EMAIL-ADDRESS: emilio@netox.net
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 450 se 4 st
CITY: hialeah
STATE-PROVINCE: florida
ZIP-CODE: 33010
COUNTRY: United States of America

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: Social Issues
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: the atrosodies of the florida coast

[Message]

Mr. Clinton I would like to voice my discontent about the happenings of the Florida coast this 29th dy of June 1999. First of all i was led to beleve that the coast guard was supposed to help people in need, not harrass them like it was done today. You see 6 boat people from cuba right of the coast of surfside florida were intercepted bu the coast guard, and were laced with pepper spray while trying to swim to freedom. while two were lucky enough to make it to the beach, the other four were not. the coast guard keeped circling them thus crating a wake in the ocean that they could not overcome to stop them from coming ashore. what appauled me about the situation is the way these people were treated. after they have risked their lives for seven days at sea, and were so visibly tired and ditraught, instead of helping out the sprayed them with water cannons, and after their boat sank and all 6 were inn the water were sprayed with pepper spray like

if they were some type of criminal. now i agree with most of your policies and am very proud to be born and raised in a country as wonderful as this one,which i defend against anyone who speacks bad of it, i find it very difficult to condone the acctions taken today of the florida coast. I love this country, and since this country is the country that stand for human rights all over the world i would beg of you to review these acctions taken by the coast guard. furthermore i wish to know if these gentlemen of the coast guard acted under orders from their superiors, or acted on their own recognosance.

the tape of all the happenings here today are all over miami television so they should be fairly easy to get. if not nbc6 localy in miami has the best views of what happened.we all deserve the right to liberty, and these people should not be excluded from that right. i beaing an american that was born and raised here, 30 years of age find it hard to explain to my children what they say on the news, for i don`t think that it is a crime to want freedom.

thank you for hearing me out and i would like to thank you in advance for looking into this matter, especiall since we are so close to independance day

Emilio J Menendez

From: Anna Pacheco <apacheco@gate.net> on 06/29/99 11:28 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Cuban Immigration Law

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 207.36.183.36 [207.36.188.36]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.0; Windows 95; CNETHomeBuild051099)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Anna Pacheco
EMAIL-ADDRESS: apacheco@gate.net
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 3502 NW 5th Street
CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33125
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Government or Constitution
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Cuban Immigration Law

[Message]

I was born in the United States, descendent of Cuban parents. I live in Miami, FL. I am usually very proud to be American, United States born, but today is not one of them. After seeing the Coast Guard's actions on our beaches, spraying mace on defenseless immigrants trying to make it to shore, pushing them off there rinky dink roe boat and them making waves with the coast guard cutters to try to drown them. All caught on live camera. This was unjust and uncalled for action. Who ever ok'd this action and participated in the fiasco should be dismissed with a dishonorable discharge from the Coast Guard and the immigrants that were hunted should be released to their families, all 6 of them. The Coast Guard's actions were truly unAmerican.

From: Mario Alonso <mea8539@netscape.net> on 06/29/99 11:33 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Cuban Human Rights Policy in the USA

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 199.188.196.98 [199.188.196.98]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.5 [en] (Win95; I)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Mario Alonso
EMAIL-ADDRESS: mea8539@netscape.net
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 11405 Qail Roost Drive
CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Fl
ZIP-CODE: 33157
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Small Business Owner or Employee
SUBJECT: Cuban Human Rights Policy in the USA

[Message]

Shame on you for your resposibility in reference to the incident that occured here in Miami today 6/29/99. The Coast Guard's inhuman treatment of 6 Cubans that tried to reach American soil was unheard of. After risking their lives in a small boat and weathering terrible hardships they were welcomed with less civility than that which you would use on dangerous beasts. This is YOUR policy towards Cubans who will not live as slaves. You must be very proud of being one of Fidel Castro's good friends I'm sure he is very prou of you! I am NOT!! Today I am ashamed of being an American citizen because of your policies which underline abusive treatment of those who will not stay where they cannot be free!Shame on you!!!!This I will never forget, see you election day November 2000.

From: Sofia Karoutsos <BABYBLEW21@AOL.COM> on 06/29/99 11:33 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: CUBAN REFUGEES

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 205.188.198.159 [205.188.198.159]
BROWSER: Mozilla/2.0 (compatible; MSIE 3.0; AOL 3.0; Windows 95)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

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PERSONAL-NAME: Sofia Karoutsos
EMAIL-ADDRESS: BABYBLEW21@AOL.COM
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 120 ENGLEFIELD DR.
CITY: GAITHERSBURG
STATE-PROVINCE: MD
ZIP-CODE: 20878
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Local or State Issues
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: CUBAN REFUGEES

[Message]

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I AM WRITING ON BEHALF OF MY GRANDPARENTS WHO ARE CUBAN-AMERICANS AND DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER. THEY ASKED THAT I SEND YOU THIS MESSAGE: PLEASE DON'T LET THE US COASTGUARD RETURN THE MEN WHO ARRIVED IN FLORIDA TODAY BE SENT BACK TO CUBA. THEY WERE TREATED LIKE CRIMINALS BY THE COASTGUARD WHEN ALL THEY WANT IS TO HAVE FREEDOM. WOULDN'T YOU DO THE SAME IF YOU WERE IN THEIR PLACE? THANK YOU. SOFIA KAROUTSOS AND GRANDPARENTS

ALBERTO AND NORMA TEJERA.

From: Victor Valdes <dts@shadow.net> on 06/29/99 11:33 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Please read this Mr. President

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 207.17.58.69 [207.17.58.69]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; Windows 98)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Victor Valdes
EMAIL-ADDRESS: dts@shadow.net
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 6175 NW 167 Street , Suite G-1
CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33015
COUNTRY: US

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Offer neutral commentary, advice, or a suggestion
TOPIC: Justice or Crime
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Please read this Mr. President

[Message]

The Honorable President of the United State of America Mr. William J Clinton The White House Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:
What happened today off the beaches in Miami Beach, Florida is the worst act of human rights violation I have ever seen. You just expend billions of our hard earned tax dollars in Kosovo. The basic principle you and the rest of the free world choose to go to Kosovo was to liberate its people because of the incredible human rights violation perpetuated by one mad individual. Yet off our own shores in Miami, today June 29th, 1999 at approximately 2:00PM your very own forces perpetuated an incredible act of violence against people who were only looking for freedom as the people of Kosovo.

As a United States citizen, I demand you look into the Cuban rafter incident that took place today. The United States Coast Guard acted like animals without compassion. I always though the USCG was responsible for saving lives, but today on LIVE TV they showed how to capsize a 14 foot wooden boat with 6 innocent individuals with water cannons and pepper spray. To make themselves look good, they placed the individuals on the USCG boats with life preservers after they tried to kill them.

I also demand that the USCG service discipline the individuals who did not use protocol. This is the protocol, which we pay millions for them to get training. The whole incident looked like an old western posse. For the first time if my life, today I feel ashamed to be an American.

Sincerely,

Victor Valdes
6175 NW 167th Street, Suite G-1
Miami, FL 33015

Cc: Honorable Jeb Bush
USCG
US Pentagon
US State Department

From: Annabelle Mendez- Interian <jadejoann@aol.com> on 06/29/99 11:36 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Policy on CUban Immigrants

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 205.188.192.152 [205.188.192.152]
BROWSER: Mozilla/2.0 (compatible; MSIE 3.02; Update a; AOL 4.0; Windows 95)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Annabelle Mendez- Interian
EMAIL-ADDRESS: jadejoann@aol.com
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 10914 SW 137 Ct
CITY: miami
STATE-PROVINCE: fl
ZIP-CODE: 33186
COUNTRY: usa

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Policy on CUban Immigrants

[Message]

My name is Annabelle, I am a 27 y.o. nurse living in Miami. I am an American citizen and usually vote Democrat.

Today, I wittnessed a human rights violation that has rocked the souuth florida region. Today, due to the us policy on naturalizing cuban immigrants, the US coast guard has violatd the rights of human beings that are seeking human rights. We so proudly claim to aid those who rights are taken away around the world almost killed 6 people. The Coast guard did not have to use fire hoses and pepper spray on these people as if they were animals. The whiite house should take into cosideration a few things; first your vice president wants to take your place in the year 2001. He will need the vote of the Cuban people if he wants to win Florida, the state with the 4th largest amounts of Electorial votes; Second, your policy of

repatronizing Cubans is inhumane, if you were to visit the island, you would not have those policies; last, these refugees need political asylum, becaseu of their beliefs, they suffer.

Please take consideration of the Cuban people's plight. We are hard working with strong loyalties to the US, but we also love our brothers and sisters 90 miles away from the coast of Key West.

Thank you

From: "CESAR R.LASTRA" <houses4sale@juno.com> on 06/29/99 11:15 PM GMT

To: President@gateway.
cc:
Subject: PERSECUTION OF UNARMED REFUGEES

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 205.188.192.28[205.188.192.28]
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[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: CESAR R.LASTRA
EMAIL-ADDRESS: houses4sale@juno.com
ORGANIZATION: CUBAN AMERICAN NATIONAL FOUNDATION
RELATIONSHIP: MEMBER
STREET-ADDRESS: 8261 S.W. 128 STREET (116)
CITY: PINECREST
STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33156
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Local or State Issues
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: PERSECUTION OF UNARMED REFUGEES

[Message]

JUST LIKE CASTRO DID WITH THE "13 DE MARZO" TUGBOAT AT HAVANA HARBOR SOME TIME AGO, THE U.S.COAST GUARD TRIED TO SINK A SIX REFUGEES'BOAT TODAY IN MIAMI.EVEN USING THE SAME SADISTIC WEAPONS (WATER HOSES, PEPPER!!)JUST AS CASTRO DID.

THIS ONLY A FEW DAYS AWAY FROM CELEBRATING OUR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY. WHEN ARE GOING TO STOP USING THE SAME COMUNNIST TACTICS AGAINST UNARMED PEOPLE TRYNG TO GAIN FREEDOM..TO THIS..THE LAND OF THE FREE?

From: Dorgeris Lauredo <lauredo8@bellsouth.com> on 06/29/99 11:18 PM GMT

To: President@gateway...
cc:
Subject: Human Rights

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 209.214.5.164 [209.214.5.164]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.04 [en]C-bls40 (Win95; U)
URL:
http://www2.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Dorgeris Lauredo
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ORGANIZATION: Cuban American
RELATIONSHIP: Cuban American
STREET-ADDRESS: 10 s.w. 39th avenue
CITY: miami, coral gables,
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33134
COUNTRY: usa

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Senior Citizen
SUBJECT: Human Rights

[Message]

I am horrified about what happen in Miami Beach this afternoon in Miami with the Cuban refugees. We are not immigrants we are refugees. Cuba is the only communist government in Latin American. A government who treats is people with no respect, or freedom. I could not believe how the police of Sunnyland treated the Cuban arriving into the United States. This country was founded by people seeking political freedom, fredom of religion, and liberty. I expected that treatment from Fidels government not any United States citizen.

You must liberate these Cuban refugees.

Thank You,

Dorgeris Lauredo

From: Nora Arias Loftis <Nloft28@AOL.com> on 06/29/99 11:18 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Incident Between Coast Guard and Cubans Seeking =

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 205.188.200.48[205.188.200.48]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; AOL 4.0; Wind=
ows 98; Compaq)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_Presi=
dent.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Nora Arias Loftis
EMAIL-ADDRESS: Nloft28@AOL.com
ORGANIZATION: =20
RELATIONSHIP: =20
STREET-ADDRESS: 6715 SW 29th Street
CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33155
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: No Answer
TOPIC: No Answer
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Incident Between Coast Guard and Cubans Seeking =
Freedom

[Message]

As a voting, Cuban-American Democrat, I will like to complaint=20
about the treatment give the six Cubans trying to gain freedom=20
by our Coast Guard, and Surfside Police Department.=20

The TV images have been one of the most incredible I have=20
seen. Our Coast Guard was spraying six unarmed men rowing=20
themselves to freedom. If they had told me that what I was=20
seeing were Castro's troops trying to kill other Cubans, I=20
would have believed it. But to see that our own people - those=20
that are supposed to be helping people in our waters - try to=20
sink a small boat by spraying it with water cannons, and when=20
that failed, spraying a swimmer with pepper spray . . . that's=20
inconceivable! Thirty-four years ago, my parents brought my=20
brother and I to this country. We came into Miami, via Mexico,=20

as legal residents on October 10, 1965. As time went by, I=20
became an Administrative Secretary, married a wonderful man=20
=66rom Tennessee, and became mother of a beautiful daughter who=20
is now sixteen years old. My brother, is today a Judge in=20
Duval County - the first Cuban-American Judge in Duval County,=20
and possibly Northern Florida. We lost our father in our new=20
country - our home by choice, not by chance - a man who taught=20
us to love these United States even before we arrived to its=20
shores.=20

Except for the 98-99 school year, I have been doing volunteer=20
work in our Miami-Dade County Schools, as a Listener, starting=20
in 1992. I was a volunteer at the Summit of the Americas. My=20
brother is involved in many charitable organizations, and does=20
an innumerable amount of volunteer work in Duval County. With=20
all the love we feel for this beautiful land of ours, I am=20
ashamed of how we treat those less fortunate. Those that do=20
not know what real freedom is like.=20

Let us not behave like Castro would. Let=92s follow our laws,=20
but let us do it in a civilized, democratic way.=20

Miami-Dade=92s Republican Representatives are taking advantage=20
of this incident to ingratiate the Cuban community by saying=20
that this is . . . =93the White House policy.=94 Please do not let=
=20
it be so. Grant these Cubans the freedom they so desperately=20
seek. Thank you, Nora Arias Loftis=20

From: "Francisco M. Izquierdo" <zfim96@msn.com> on 06/29/99 07:49 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: The Coast Guard acting like Castro's gunboats hindering cuba

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 153.36.81.58 [153.36.81.58]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; MSN 2.5; Windows 98)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Francisco M. Izquierdo
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ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 6703 SW 88th Street, #401
CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33156
COUNTRY: United States of America

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: The Coast Guard acting like Castro's gunboats hindering cuban refugees to walk on to shore

[Message]

I am watching the news: the coast guard has pressure-watered cuban refugees who were on a boat less than a mile from shore. The whole idea was to get them on the coast guard boats and shipped back to Cuba (where YOU KNOW they will be mentally, physically, and emotionally tortured if not killed). These people made it this far and here the Land of the Free is treating them as if they were the true enemy. We are acting as if we were Milosevic and Cubans seeking freedom are ethnic Albanians. Shame on us! Mr. Clinton, this was done because of your policy. Shame on you! Please help change this before you leave office.

Sincerly,
The Morgan Family

From: ROBERT ASHMAN <RASHMAN@SERMAIL.UPS.COM> on 06/29/99 11:36 PM GMT

To: President@gateway.
cc:
Subject: WHY IS THE GOV. TURNING A BLIND EYE TO THE CORRUPTION IN MIA

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 209.215.28.123 [209.215.28.123]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; MSN 2.5; MSN 2.5; Windows 95)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

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RELATIONSHIP:
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CITY: MIAMI SHORES
STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33138
COUNTRY: US

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: Local or State Issues
AFFILIATION: Veteran
SUBJECT: WHY IS THE GOV. TURNING A BLIND EYE TO THE CORRUPTION IN MIAMI

[Message]

WHY IS IT YOU CAN GO TO HIALEAH FLORIDA AND BE FORCED TO SPEAK SPANISH AS THE LANGUAGE OF THE MAJORITY IN A ENGLISH SPEAKING NATION?WHAT ABOUT THE ILLEGAL IMMAGRATION OF THE CUBAN PEOPLE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF LAW PER SAY, A LAW ENACTED IN THE 50'S AS A MESURE OF COLD WAR PROPAGANDA?THE FACT THAT THEY WOULD HAVE THE GAUL TO PROTEST AN ACTION BY FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES GOV(THE COAST GAURD)WHO WERE DOING THEIR JOB ON 06/29/99 WHEN THEY INTERCEPTED SOME REFUGEES WHO REFUSED TO COMPLY TO THE COAST GUARDS INSTRUCTIONS? THE NERVE TO RAISE THE CUBAN FLAG ON AMERICAN SOIL TO PROTEST OR SHOW SOLIDARITY IS APPAULING AND STRIKES OF DISLOYALTY? IS THIS NOT AMERICA, A MELTING POT WHERE YOU COME HERE TO BE AMERICAN AND FREE, NOT YOUR PERSONAL NATIONALITY AND FREE? TO REAP THE REWARDS OF THIS COUNRTY AND YET SHOW NO LOYALTY IS A SHAME TO THIS

NATION. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS COMMENT FROM A NATURALIZED CITIZEN AS A PLEA FOR WHAT OUR COUNTRY NEEDS; RULE TO LIVE BY AND GUIDE US, NOT JUST GRAY AREAS HASHED OUT IN THE COURTS AS NECCESSARY. P.S.THIS IS NOT COMING FROM THE MIND OF AN ULTRA-WHITE RIGHT WING SLACK-JAW-YOKEL.

From: Lorenzo Lorenzo <lorenzolorenzo@mindspring.com> on 06/29/99 07:40 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Shameful actions of the US Coast Guards in M. Beach Today

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 165.117.54.217 [165.117.54.217]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.61 (Macintosh; I; PPC)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

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CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33126
COUNTRY: U.S.A

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Foreign Affairs
AFFILIATION: Political Advocate
SUBJECT: Shameful actions of the US Coast Guards in M. Beach Today

[Message]

As an American citizen and a voting Democrat for the past 18 years I feel ashamed of the actions taken by the Coast Guards today in the shore of M. Beach against six Cuban Refugees trying to reach the shores. This policy against Cuban's inmigrants has to stop! Shame Shame. Mr. President, please, stop the unnecessary actions taken by the US Coast Guard today. It's your policy and you can stopped it. AS A PASTOR MY CONGREGATION AND I WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. Blessings.

From: Antonio de la Luz <ortueta98@aol.com> on 06/29/99 10:22 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: CUBANS ARRIVING ON RAFTS

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 205.188.197.101 [205.188.197.101]
BROWSER: Mozilla/2.0 (compatible; MSIE 3.02; Update a; AOL 3.0; Windows 95)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Antonio de la Luz
EMAIL-ADDRESS: ortueta98@aol.com
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 14622 SW 52 Street
CITY: Miami,
STATE-PROVINCE: Flroida
ZIP-CODE: 33175
COUNTRY:

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Seek assistance from the White House
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: CUBANS ARRIVING ON RAFTS

[Message]

THE US COAST GUARD ALMOST ALLOWED 6 CUBANS ARRIVING ON RAFTS TO THE SHORES OF MIAMI TO DROWN. THIS IS UNFORGIVABLE. CUBANS WHO LAND ON US SOIL ARE ALLOWED TO STAY. THEY ONLY WANT FREEDOM AND WE IN THE CUBAN COMMUNITY ARE WILLING TO ASSIST THEM.

PLEASE TALK TO YOUR COAST GUARD AND TELL THEM TO STOP THIS PRACTICE. ALL 6 CUBANS ARRIVING TODAY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO STAY. OF COURSE, AFTER BEING INTERVIEWED BY IMMIGRATION.

I AM WILLING TO ASSIST IF NEED BE.
THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. BY THE WAY, THE CUBANS IN MIAMI ARE OUTRAGED! ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN AND LINCOLN DIAZ BALART, OUR CONGRESSPERSONS WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH

YOU.

SINCERELY,
ANTONIO DE LA LUZ

From: adriana olivarez <kitchyc@aol.whitehouse.gov> on 06/29/99 10:26 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: The Ugly Behavior Of the United States COAST GUARD

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 205.188.197.178 [205.188.197.178]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; AOL 4.0; Windows 98)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

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PERSONAL-NAME: adriana olivarez
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ORGANIZATION: none
RELATIONSHIP: none
STREET-ADDRESS: 2515 forest oaks blvd.
CITY: houston
STATE-PROVINCE: texas
ZIP-CODE: 77017
COUNTRY: usa

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Ask a specific question regarding Administration policy
TOPIC: Justice or Crime
AFFILIATION: Other
SUBJECT: The Ugly Behavior Of the United States COAST GUARD

[Message]

Dear Sir
If trying to deter illegal aliens from entering our country
means killing these poeple trying to find a better life , we
as a nation are in sad shape

Sir we stand for human rights for liberty and justice
the coast guard in florida could have caught these men
entering the country fed them and returned them back to cuba,

the sight of what happened to those men from cuba was ugly .
What is next

From: Manuel Abella MD <MABELLA@WORLDNET.ATT.NET> on 06/29/99 11:03 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: US Coast Guard role with Cuban rafters

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 12.77.152.93 [12.77.152.93]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; Windows 95)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Manuel Abella MD
EMAIL-ADDRESS: MABELLA@WORLDNET.ATT.NET
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 9848 SW 110 St
CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Fl
ZIP-CODE: 33176
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Social Issues
AFFILIATION: Professional
SUBJECT: US Coast Guard role with Cuban rafters

[Message]

Todays incident against the Cuban "balseros"spraying with water cannons and pepper spray marks a low point in the history of the USCG. The people involved should be ashamed to wear the uniform of the USCG and represent the land of the Free and the home of the brave with such a reprehensible act. The only acceptable conclusion to any Coast Guard investigation is the removal and demotion of all involved including the Station Commander of the Seventh District!

Manuel Abella MD

From: Maria C Hernandez <mchernandez@thebeach.net> on 06/29/99 11:04 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Human Rights abuse by US/Coast Guard of cuban rafters.

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 209.180.215.89[209.180.215.89]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.5 [en] (Win98; I)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Maria C Hernandez
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ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 1640 Cleveland Road
CITY: Miami Beach
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33141
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Human Rights abuse by US/Coast Guard of cuban rafters.

[Message]

Mr. President:
In all my 48 years this is the first time that I am angered enough to register a complaint with my government. I am proud to be an American Citizen (Naturalized) yet today I felt ashamed of it. I viewed tonight's news about the 6 Cuban rafters that arrived on our coast today. I was appalled at the abuse that was heaped on them!

How dare the Coast Guard state that they felt threatened! Their story is ridiculous. All one had to do was view the film! Where was the threat?? These poor immigrants were hosed and pepper sprayed! All in the hope of capsizing their boat!! Are we no better than Castro?? How can we preach about Human Rights to other countries when we do this inside our own borders!!! What an example to other nations!

I am requesting that consideration be given to these 6 rafters so that they may be allowed to remain in the country they've tried so hard to reach. It will be little enough reward after all that they were put through; first by the Castro government then by our own.

Who knows how many others have been treated this way when cameras were not around to record it! The Coast Guard's Big Brother attitude has both angered and frightened me! Please do something against this incredible abuse of power. Grant these 6 entry into our great country; they have earned it and deserve it.

Thank You.
Maria C Hernandez
1640 Cleveland Road
Miami Beach, Fl 33141
Phone: (305) 861-6403

From: Yeshica Yanes <yyanes@hotmail.com> on 06/29/99 11:05 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: US COAST GUARD Vs. Cuban Refugees Incident - Miami, FL 6/29

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 153.35.37.51 [153.35.37.51]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; Windows 98)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Yeshica Yanes
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ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 1786 SW 9 Street, Apt. #4
CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33135
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Foreign Affairs
AFFILIATION: No Answer
SUBJECT: US COAST GUARD Vs. Cuban Refugees Incident - Miami, FL 6/29/99

[Message]

Dear President:
I am appalled at the treatment of the Cuban refugees by our US Coast Guard today (6/29/99)in Miami Beach, Florida. It is a pity that the actions of some individuals overshadow the many guards that have helped save thousands of lives.

I expect you to request a full investigation of this case and use all your influence in clarifying this issue.

The guards involved in this incident went to great lengths to prevent the refugees from reaching our shores. However, they seemed to have forgotten that they we were already on US territory. It is so ironic... the same actions have been taken by Castro's regime so many times...

Sincerely,
Yeshica Yanes
1786 SW 9 Street, Apt. #4
Miami, FL 33135

From: Guillermo Perez <gpgp27@aol.com> on 06/29/99 10:33 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Cuban Refugees

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 152.163.207.207 [152.163.207.207]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; MSN 2.6; AOL 4.0; Windows 95)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Guillermo Perez
EMAIL-ADDRESS: gpgp27@aol.com
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 11940 SW 34th ST
CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33175
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: No Answer
AFFILIATION: No Answer
SUBJECT: Cuban Refugees

[Message]

I am disgusted with your policy towards the cuban refugees or for that matter any refugees who would like to come to the United States from a country known for human right violation.

Guillermo

From: Alida Rosa Cardo <AlidaRosa@aol.com> on 06/29/99 10:38 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Cuban-Exiles Trying to Reach American Soil

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 152.163.204.183 [152.163.204.183]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; AOL 4.0; Windows 95)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

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CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33135
COUNTRY: United States of America

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: Government or Constitution
AFFILIATION: Student - College or University
SUBJECT: Cuban-Exiles Trying to Reach American Soil

[Message]

First of all, I want to tell you I support your efforts in Kosovo. The way we have taken to assisit the refugees has been a great thing - because everyone a homeland with peace & without discrimation. Yet, today I'm sad because when I got home I realized our American Coast Guard have done something aggressive against people only trying to be "Free" just like the people that were leaving Kosovo to gain some type of liberty from the massive killings and represiveness of the Serbian forces in Kosovo.

Please investigate this occurence and do something! They are human beings and should be treated right!!

Please investigate !!!

Alida Rosa Cardo

DOT

From: Maria Lopez-Bernstein <MLB235@aol.com> on 06/29/99 10:13 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Human Rights Violation on 29 June 1999 in the United States

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 152.163.206.202 [152.163.206.202]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; AOL 4.0; Windows 95; Reba_CD)
URL:
http://www2.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Maria Lopez-Bernstein
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ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 619 West 143rd Street, #34
CITY: New York
STATE-PROVINCE: NY
ZIP-CODE: 10031
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Human Rights Violation on 29 June 1999 in the United States

[Message]

I was born in Cuba and raised in New York City since the age of 4. I understand, speak, write and read better in english than I do in spanish through no fault of my parents (I was a rebellious child). I am informing you of this because I want you to understand the depth of the feelings I am experiencing right now due to what I have just seen on a spanish news television show.

My mother told me to turn on the spanish news today, 29 June 1999, which I did and I was beyond shock at what I saw. Tears came to my eyes and I felt a scream in my soul when I saw the United States Coast Guard try to hose down six (6) Cuban males in a small boat to dissuade them from reaching Florida beach sand to ask for asylum. Two made it to shore regardless, and

four were detained by the U.S. Coast Guard to face an uncertain destiny.

The inhumaneness of this gripped me so strongly that I am crying as I write this now. This is the kind of stuff that I remember watching on film in high school and documentaries since, about the civil rights struggle in this country. I think that this is abusive and against human rights in general. I can't believe the country I love and respect so dearly and call "home" can do this to fellow human beings (regardless of which country they are from). I am not a proud citizen today.

I hope that you are as disgusted by this as I am. I truly hope that you will see the injustice and human rights violation that I see. I hope with all my might that you will do something to correct this now for these people. I also hope you will put something in writing so that this never happens again.

From: "Lisa M. Lopez" <llopez@miami.edu> on 06/29/99 10:01 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Cubans detained in South Florida by the U.S. coastguard

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[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 129.171.50.58[129.171.50.58]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; Windows 95)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Lisa M. Lopez
EMAIL-ADDRESS: llopez@miami.edu
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
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CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33165
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Offer neutral commentary, advice, or a suggestion
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Student - College or University
SUBJECT: Cubans detained in South Florida by the U.S. coastguard

[Message]

I am appauled by the behavior expressed by the U.S. coastguard in South Florida this afternoon. I understand that there are laws to intercept Cubans from entering our shorelines, but endangering peoples' lives in keeping them from reaching freedom is completely against what our country represents. The U.S. coastguard has brutally intercepted several Cubans just yards from the shoreline. Not only did they spray them with hoses of water, so that they may drown, but they also sprayed them with pepper spray. These are helpless people, just like you and me, who are just looking for the freedom they are not given in their country. It is disgusting that they be treated like animals. They have done nothing wrong, but seek freedom, which we all pride ourselves in having. Not only were those who were blocked from reaching the shoreline treated with much cruelty, but also those 2 that did reach the shore. The police treated them like criminals, even though one was only 16 years

old. I am asking that you look into this horrible situation and realize the freedom these poor human beings are seeking. It is imperative that you, as president of the United States, take a stand, and represent the people of this country, and let these people free. Do not return them to Cuba, where they will be tortured for seeking a better life in our country. Thank you for your help regarding this matter.

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From: Manuel Pinares <mannyp@wwa.com> on 06/29/99 09:38 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Cuban refugees treated like criminals

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 207.241.91.213[207.241.91.213]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.0; Windows 98; CNETHomeBuild03171999)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Manuel Pinares
EMAIL-ADDRESS: mannyp@wwa.com
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 548 Delaware Trail
CITY: Carol Stream
STATE-PROVINCE: IL
ZIP-CODE: 60188
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Ask a specific question regarding Administration policy
TOPIC: Justice or Crime
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Cuban refugees treated like criminals

[Message]

I am appalled and disgusted with the way the U.S. Government treated the 5 Cubans who tried to land in Miami Beach today. We just wasted billions of dollars defending the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, thousands of miles away and we treat Communist refugees from 90 miles away like animals.

Could this be American ethnic cleansing? This administration doesn't have a clue about Foreign Policy, as a Cuban-American I'm going to do whatever is in my power to make sure that Al Gore does not become President in Y2K. I'm going to volunteer for any Republican that needs help to make sure every Democrat loses his/her try for public office. My fellow Cubans in Miami will also fight for the rights of fleeing hostages of the Communist regime. Mr. President, do you really want to leave a legacy? Then step down with your VP and let a real

President run this great country, where's Ronald Reagan when you need him? Mr. President you are an embarrassment to this great country.

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From: Margie Lopez <Craftemome@aol.com> on 06/29/99 09:30 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: The injustice and inappropriate behavior towards Cuban rafte

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 152.163.197.73 [152.163.197.73]
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[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Margie Lopez
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CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33155
COUNTRY:

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Offer neutral commentary, advice, or a suggestion
TOPIC: Social Issues
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: The injustice and inappropriate behavior towards Cuban rafters

[Message]

As I sit in total disbelieve and watch the images coming in through my television - the unfolding scene here in Miami Beach, Florida; I am totally embarrassed by the behavior of the US Coast Guard towards the 6 Cuban rafters trying to reach our shores today.

I understand the policy agreed upon by the your administration and that of the Cuban government, however there has to be a difference between politics and humanitarian issues. How can we stand and call the Cuban government murderers for the sinking of the vessel in their harbour where Cuban people trying to leave their homeland, when we have just tried to sink a small vessel here in Miami with 6 unarmed and non-threatening Cuban men. These tired, defenseless men have

been greeted by our Coast Guards as one of the 10 Most Wanted Criminals. The news tries to state that the Coast Guard was only trying to calm them down. Well, Mr. Clinton try imagining yourself in a very small vessel, being sprayed with pepper spray, and trying to row away from the Coast Guard and all of a sudden having your boat sprayed with a very powerful water cannon? Would you get defensive and upset?Once on shore, you are hand cuffed and whisked away like common criminals. Were are we Americans storing our hearts? Those 4 poor souls who were only yards away from the shore line, what of their struggle, their rights, and their futures? How can we call ourselves the defenders of freedom when we will go to any lengths to keep people away from our shores?

I am a young mother of 3 children, ages 17, 10, and 4. Please tell me how to explain this unexcusable act again mankind to my children. I am of Cuban origin, however, I ahve always been in agreement with your administration....BUT THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE AND CANNOT BE ACCEPTED BY ANY HUMAN BEING!!!!!!!!!!

Please take immediate action to correct this situation. Take control of this event, turn it around to be a positive being to future events such as this one. Show the Nation and the World that you can take control of the different arms of government, that as Commander in Chief you can show your followers how to respect human lives whether they are Americans or not!

From: Tony Garcia <Tgarciamar@aol.com> on 06/29/99 11:03 PM GMT

To: President@gateway.
cc:
Subject: Cuban rafters ahve human rights

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CLIENT: 152.163.213.213 [152.163.213.213]
BROWSER: Mozilla/2.0 (compatible; MSIE 3.02; AK; AOL 4.0; Windows 95)
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[Sender Information]

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CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33175-2640
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Cuban rafters ahve human rights

[Message]

It was very embarassing to witness this afternoon the inhumane treatment of six Cuban rafters by several boats of the US Coast Guard. It was unnecessary to hose them with high pressure water. It was stupid and ridiculous to spray the rafters with somekind of pepper gas/ mace. They were no threat to anyone, specially they were no threat to any of the US Coast Guardsmen aboard the Coast Guard Cutters.

What if anyone of the six would have drown? What if anyone of the six woiuld have been chopped up by the propellers of the many Coast Guard boats around them in the water.

Please, teach a lesson to the Miami Coast Guard Commander about how not to abuse power, and let the 6 stay in the US.

Mr. President, please review the videotape of the incident and take appropiate action.

Tony Garcia*
US citizen
* I voted for you twice, I would vote for you again. If my wife and I lived in NY, we would vote for Hilllary.

From: "Francisco M. Izquierdo" <zfim96@msn.com> on 06/29/99 07:49 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: The Coast Guard acting like Castro's gunboats hindering cuba

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CLIENT: 153.36.81.58 [153.36.81.58]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; MSN 2.5; Windows 98)
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PERSONAL-NAME: Francisco M. Izquierdo
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ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 6703 SW 88th Street, #401
CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33156
COUNTRY: United States of America

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: The Coast Guard acting like Castro's gunboats hindering cuban refugees to walk on to shore

[Message]

I am watching the news: the coast guard has pressure-watered cuban refugees who were on a boat less than a mile from shore. The whole idea was to get them on the coast guard boats and shipped back to Cuba (where YOU KNOW they will be mentally, physically, and emotionally tortured if not killed). These people made it this far and here the Land of the Free is treating them as if they were the true enemy. We are acting as if we were Milosevic and Cubans seeking freedom are ethnic Albanians. Shame on us! Mr. Clinton, this was done because of your policy. Shame on you! Please help change this before you leave office.

mt
AGLIA:/DOT

From: Alida Rosa Cardo <AlidaRosa@aol.com> on 06/29/99 10:38 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Cuban-Exiles Trying to Reach American Soil

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CLIENT: 152.163.204.183 [152.163.204.183]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; AOL 4.0; Windows 95)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

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STREET-ADDRESS: 400 SW 14th Ave Apt 3
CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33135
COUNTRY: United States of America

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: Government or Constitution
AFFILIATION: Student - College or University
SUBJECT: Cuban-Exiles Trying to Reach American Soil

[Message]

First of all, I want to tell you I support your efforts in Kosovo. The way we have taken to assisit the refugees has been a great thing - because everyone a homeland with peace & without discrimation. Yet, today I'm sad because when I got home I realized our American Coast Guard have done something aggressive against people only trying to be "Free" just like the people that were leaving Kosovo to gain some type of liberty from the massive killings and represiveness of the Serbian forces in Kosovo.

Please investigate this occurence and do something! They are human beings and should be treated right!!

Please investigate !!!

Alida Rosa Cardo

mt AGLIAS/DOT

From: "D. Craft" <d012986c@dc.seflin.org> on 06/29/99 10:39 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Protest on treatment of Cuban refugees in Miami by the Coast

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CLIENT: 199.227.192.38 [199.227.192.38]
BROWSER: Lynx/2.8rel.2 libwww-FM/2.14
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

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PERSONAL-NAME: D. Craft
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ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
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CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33116-1905
COUNTRY: usa

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: No Answer
TOPIC: No Answer
AFFILIATION: No Answer
SUBJECT: Protest on treatment of Cuban refugees in Miami by the Coast Guard on 6/29/99

[Message]

Dear Mr. President, I am appalled at the cruel, inhumane treatment of the Cuban refugees that were trying to make it to shore in Miami today. As a Cuban Americana nd an American citizen, I am outraged at what has happened today and ask that you investigate this situation. I am ashamed of my country right now for treating these people like we have. At times like this I am reminded ot the words inscribed on the Statue of Liberty and what a sham they appear to be in tis situation. "Give me your tired, your poor (yes, tired because not only did thy have to escape the tyranny of Castro but they were forced off their litle vessel by the Coast Guard who was spraying thir vessel with heavy duty hoses and spraying them personally with mace-pepper spray) (tired because after they were forced to jump off the boat they were trying to swim to the shore and the Coast Guard boats were blocking them,

apparently tryingto get them to tire so that they would take refuge in the Coast Guard and then get sent back) Your huddled masses yearning to be free (this is the land of plenty, populated by peoples from all over, the very meaningo f the inscription I am quoting, yet, not for these people, not at this time) (Yes, Cubans are people who deserve to be free just like all other humans on earth--the very thing you are fighting so hard for in Kosovoand here in our own country our govenrment does this) The wretched refuse of your teeming shore (yes,the Castro dictatorship has treated the godd and decnt people of Cuba as refuse and they have come to this country and trived and made it better...you visit here on quick stops to collect campaign money but you should get to know th people I am talking about and you would understand) Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me (tempest tossed and them Coast Guard tossed--this was all filmed by our local t v stations...get a copy) I lift my lamp beside the golden door (the only golden door these people will see are the wretched doors of the Krome detention center where elderly and loving Cuban mothers have to hold HUNGER strikes before someone listens to them to free their sons) All that transpired today happened under the watchful eyes of the news cameras...I can only imagine what happens when there are no cameras. This is a travesty of justice and I implore you , sir, to do something about this. Let all 6 men go free and start their life of freedom in these United States and bring to justice those that perpetrated this evil inhuman act. I know that the ones who perpetrated this will have to answer to a higher authority...God, I am sure, was watching. Watchthe footage as one of the two young men, finally reaching the shore, is taunted by the police as if to say,'we wont let you reach the shore'. What a sad day in this country.

Ari Agliss | DOT

From: Odalys Fernandez <ODY823@aol.com> on 06/29/99 09:12 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Cubans intercepted today in Miami Beach

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 205.188.199.188 [205.188.199.188]
BROWSER: Mozilla/2.0 (compatible; MSIE 3.0; AOL 4.0; Windows 3.1)
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[Sender Information]

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RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 13918 SW 171 Ter.
CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33177
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Cubans intercepted today in Miami Beach

[Message]

Today I am ashamed of being a United States Citizen after seeing with my own eyes the atrocity on television with the 6 (Balceros) young men trying to find liberty after being in ocean waters for many hours and watching our US Coast Guard react in such a violence way as to spray Pepper spay or mace and hittng them with high preasure water as to drown them.

I would like someone to explain to me if this is the Law and if this is the way we react to such situations.

Odalys Fernandez
(305)235-5851

int AGLIAS/DOT

From: Nadia Fernandez <nadia215@hotmail.com> on 06/29/99 10:23 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: The Coast Guard's treatment of Cuban refugees caught in US W

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CLIENT: 199.183.196.245 [199.183.196.245]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; Windows 98; isp#505)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Nadia Fernandez
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CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33145
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: The Coast Guard's treatment of Cuban refugees caught in US WATERS

[Message]

To the Chief of Staff,
I am ashamed to be and American. I am beyond angry at the United States Government for authorizing the United States Coast Guard to force 6 Cuban refugees off United States Waters. It is DISGUSTING to see the much respected Coast Guard act on such INHUMANE ORDERS from YOUR administration!

How dare you put heir lives in danger?! How dare you allow your forces to deface the values and laws that this country is based on?! Do they not deserve a chance at freedom from what you have said yourself is a horrible dictatorship?! Are they HUMANS or are they ANIMALS! (They are not criminals, that's for sure!)

WE (CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES) DEMAND the release of

these men, and WE DEMAND measures be taken to change the UNNACEPTABLE IMMIGRATION POLICY created by MS. RENO and YOURSELF. Do not think that we are ignorant to your interests in Cuba...United States is famous for USING people for Economic, Political, and Personal Interests, especially the island of Cuba.

We will not rest until you do as we demand...PLEASE DO NOT DENY THESE MEN OF THEIR FREEDOM TO SAVE FACE WITH CASTRO...HE'S A THUG, AND DESERVES TO BE TREATED AS SUCH...

A MUCH DISGUSTED AMERICAN-BORN CUBAN, Nadia Fernandez
Miami, Florida Junior at Florida International University

PS- I am ashamed to be called American...the Stars And Stripes are disgraced)

pps- DO NOT CENSOR THIS MESSAGE...The President has a right to hear the TRUE voice of U.S. citiens...

mt AGLIAS/DOT

From: Michele Quinones <MQuin13377@aol.com> on 06/29/99 10:50 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Please help my people!

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 205.188.199.27 [205.188.199.27]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.0; MSN 2.5; AOL 4.0; Windows 98)
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[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Michele Quinones
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ORGANIZATION:
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CITY: pembroke pines
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33025
COUNTRY: United States of America

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Seek assistance from the White House
TOPIC: Foreign Affairs
AFFILIATION: Student - College or University
SUBJECT: Please help my people!

[Message]

Dear Mr. President, I am the 22 year old daughter of a Cuban immigrant. As you well know by now, an awful site occurred off the coast of Miami Beach today (6/29/99). For 90 minutes Floridians watched as 6 freedom seeking Cubans attempted to make their way onto American soil. Unfortunately the United States Coast Guard did not handle the situation in a very humane way. You, Mr. President, are being blamed for the harsh treatment of these Cubans. I hope that your policies did not cause this. Thankfully, 2 of the Cubans made it to land, but 4 others remain in the custody of INS. These courageous men risked their lives to step foot on this great land of ours, but their attempts were thwarted only 1/2 a mile from the coast. I ask that you review your policies or give these men asylum before another group of Cubans die attempting to reach freedom or are sent back into the communist hands of Fidel

Castro.

From: "Lourdes C. Pupo" <Luly923@aol.com> on 06/29/99 11:03 PM GMT

To: President@gateway.
cc:
Subject: Cuban Rafters

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 152.163.213.188 [152.163.213.188]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; AOL 4.0; Windows 98)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Lourdes C. Pupo
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ORGANIZATION: None
RELATIONSHIP: Citizen
STREET-ADDRESS: 6370 S.W. 18 Terrace
CITY: West Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33155-1978
COUNTRY: U.S.A.

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Cuban Rafters

[Message]

Dear President Clinton:
I am writing to you because I am outraged about what happened today off the coast of Miami Beach when six Cuban rafters were attempting to swim to shore and two Coast Guard boats starting hosing them and spraying maze in their eyes to prevent them from reaching our shore. Two managed to escape and despite the abuse by the Coast Guards made it ashore and the other four were captured and we don't know their whereabouts.

It is ironic that this incident occurred as Vice President was addressing union workers in a Miami Beach hotel just a few miles away.

I implore you to please get involved and ask for an investigation to prevent incidents like this from happening again. I know that Fidel Castro is laughing today and the next

time the United States acuses him of human rights violations, he'll laugh in our faces since United States government workers are doing the same thing in our waters.

Thanking you for your attention in this matter.

mc
AG, AS, DOT

From: adriana olivarez <kitchyc@aol.whitehouse.gov> on 06/29/99 10:26 PM GMT

To: President@gateway.
cc:
Subject: The Ugly Behavior Of the United States COAST GUARD

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CLIENT: 205.188.197.176 [205.188.197.176]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; AOL 4.0; Windows 98)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: adriana olivarez
EMAIL-ADDRESS: kitchyc@aol
ORGANIZATION: none
RELATIONSHIP: none
STREET-ADDRESS: 2515 forest oaks blvd.
CITY: houston
STATE-PROVINCE: texas
ZIP-CODE: 77017
COUNTRY: usa

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Ask a specific question regarding Administration policy
TOPIC: Justice or Crime
AFFILIATION: Other
SUBJECT: The Ugly Behavior Of the United States COAST GUARD

[Message]

Dear Sir
If trying to deter illegal aliens from entering our country
means killing these poeple trying to find a better life , we
as a nation are in sad shape

Sir we stand for human rights for liberty and justice
the coast guard in florida could have caught these men
entering the country fed them and returned them back to cuba,

the sight of what happened to those men from cuba was ugly .
What is next

From: Guillermo Perez <gpgp27@aol.com> on 06/29/99 10:33 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Cuban Refugees

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 152.163.207.207 [152.163.207.207]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; MSN 2.6; AOL 4.0; Windows 95)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Guillermo Perez
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STREET-ADDRESS: 11940 SW 34th ST
CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33175
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: No Answer
AFFILIATION: No Answer
SUBJECT: Cuban Refugees

[Message]

I am disgusted with your policy towards the cuban refugees or for that matter any refugees who would like to come to the United States from a country known for human right violation.

Guillermo

From: Yeshica Yanes <yyanes@hotmail.com> on 06/29/99 11:05 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: US COAST GUARD Vs. Cuban Refugees Incident - Miami, FL 6/29

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CLIENT: 153.35.37.51 [153.35.37.51]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; Windows 98)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

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PERSONAL-NAME: Yeshica Yanes
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RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 1786 SW 9 Street, Apt. #4
CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33135
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Foreign Affairs
AFFILIATION: No Answer
SUBJECT: US COAST GUARD Vs. Cuban Refugees Incident - Miami, FL 6/29/99

[Message]

Dear President:
I am appalled at the treatment of the Cuban refugees by our US Coast Guard today (6/29/99)in Miami Beach, Florida. It is a pity that the actions of some individuals overshadow the many guards that have helped save thousands of lives.

I expect you to request a full investigation of this case and use all your influence in clarifying this issue.

The guards involved in this incident went to great lengths to prevent the refugees from reaching our shores. However, they seemed to have forgotten that they we were already on US territory. It is so ironic... the same actions have been taken by Castro's regime so many times...

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AGLIAS/DOT

From: Helen Knight Morejon <A-Lo-da-Var@WebTv.net> on 06/29/99 10:56 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Protection and refuge for the people that through all the hi

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CLIENT: 209.240.197.40 [209.240.197.40]
BROWSER: Mozilla/3.0 WebTV/1.2 (compatible; MSIE 2.0)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Helen Knight Morejon
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ORGANIZATION: Myself
RELATIONSHIP: Cuban born but American Citizen
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CITY: Houston
STATE-PROVINCE: Texas
ZIP-CODE: 77017
COUNTRY: U.S.A

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Other
SUBJECT: Protection and refuge for the people that through all the history has been trusting and helping United States.

[Message]

Dear Mr.President

Next month I will be sixty-five years of age. I do remember well the World War II time, doesn't matter that I was a small child. Cuba trained in a camp named

"Managua" in Havana Cuba incase we go to war. Cuba was United States allied, and helped againts submarines from the enemy. Once in a town named Matanzas they discovered two Japanese submarines, my cousin Juan Luis Hernandez travel to United States in a transport ship named "Columbia" usually to New Orleans to bring suger and goods to U.S. Like him many other young men and ships travel to U.S. at risk of their own lives, like a friend I use to have from Matanzas Oswaldo Llorens

Guiteras was a pilot and was shot down and died. We didnt send soldiers but we did send U.S. everything we had that you needed to the point that we almost didnt have food to eat and everything was scarce. I was living in Havana on Presidents Avenue in Vedado, and I remember in order to have a piece of meat we had to pay outragous amounts of money. To Zocato the orderly of the police colonel Antonio Diaz Baldoquin always the cubans were friendly and truthful to the U.S. I understand that the late commers (cubans) some of them have poor behavior, but you must understand that its been forty years of terror and hunger and mainly, lack of freedom. When they came to the U.S. they misunderstood freedom with lawlessness in Cuba in order to eat or have something they have to steal or have dollars. The bigshots in Cuba have everything, but not the people. It's been very painful to see today in Miami's Surfside how Coast Guards treated the cubans come to the U.S. coast. As far as I understand Florida sands are U.S. territory doesn't matter if it has water on the top. It's my personnal opinion that what ver the newcommers need is some therapy and teach them how to live here (rehab) they know that communist system but not the Democracy. I've lived here about 35 years, my children have grown and got married here and I have 14 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren all born in the U.S. I owe my family and my freedom to the U.S. Old as I am, Im willing to give my life to this country if necessary, but if I were to see what I saw in Florida how the cuban refugees got mistreated and I shall be lashed out for being a COWARD !!!!!

Helen.

4a Aglizo | DOT

From: Flavia Llizo <miamichina@aol.whitehouse.gov> on 06/29/99 08:18 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Disapproval of treament of cuban rafters on 6/29/99

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 152.163.195.201 [152.163.195.201]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; AOL 4.0; Windows 95)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Flavia Llizo
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ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
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CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33176
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Legislation
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Disapproval of treament of cuban rafters on 6/29/99

[Message]

I am a 27 year old female who is extremely proud to be an american and live my life in this country. That is of course until this afternoon when regular programming on television was interrupted so that we could see 6 cuban rafters attempting to reach our shoreline on Miami Beach. I was appalled at the way the US Coast Guard was trying to prevent their arrival on the shore. They (Coast Guard) resorted to using water hoses, pepper spray and near drowing in order to prevent the cubans from reaching shore.

We just finished a conflict in the eastern europe that was caused because a tyrant was violating the civil rights of its country's people, and here we are trying to drown 6 young men fighting for their freedom.

I don't belive the US policy on Cuba calls for this type of

aggression, we are not to interfere with the cubans attempt to reach shore. I'm aware that if they're intercepted at sea they are returned to their home.

Lee Atkins | DOT

From: raul calzadilla <yara@zeronet.net> on 06/29/99 09:00 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Mistreatment of cuban refugees, today, off Miami Beach

[redacted]

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: [redacted] [redacted]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.0; Windows 95; DigExt)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: raul calzadilla
EMAIL-ADDRESS: yara@zeronet.net
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 18234 s.w. 139 court
CITY: miami
STATE-PROVINCE: florida
ZIP-CODE: 33177
COUNTRY:

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Justice or Crime
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Mistreatment of cuban refugees, today, off Miami Beach

[Message]

The U.S. Coast Guard has today severely mistreated and probably endangered the lifes of a group of "balseros" when very near Miami Beach. They ware water hosed, sprayed with pepper aerosol while in the water; perhaps to force them to swim beack to Cuba or worse. This is clearly inhumane and clearly not representative of our American values towards refugees. Nothing but the very strongest reprimand to the culprits, in public, will satisfy this citizen. I am mistaken in my belief that this administration is kinder toward the Castro Govt. than to people who risk it all to get to our shores ? Thank you for your consideration.

hw agency DOT

From: Lorenzo Lorenzo <lorenzolorenzo@mindspring.com> on 06/29/99 07:40 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Shameful actions of the US Coast Guards in M. Beach Today

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 165.117.54.217[165.117.54.217]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.61 (Macintosh; I; PPC)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

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ZIP-CODE: 33126
COUNTRY: U.S.A

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Foreign Affairs
AFFILIATION: Political Advocate
SUBJECT: Shameful actions of the US Coast Guards in M. Beach Today

[Message]

As an American citizen and a voting Democrat for the past 18 years I feel ashamed of the actions taken by the Coast Guards today in the shore of M. Beach against six Cuban Refugees trying to reach the shores. This policy against Cuban's inmigrants has to stop! Shame Shame. Mr. President, please, stop the unnecessary actions taken by the US Coast Guard today. It's your policy and you can stopped it. AS A PASTOR MY CONGREGATION AND I WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. Blessings.

From: Maria C Hernandez <mchernandez@thebeach.net> on 06/29/99 11:04 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Human Rights abuse by US/Coast Guard of cuban rafters.

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 209.186.215.89 [209.186.215.89]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.5 [en] (Win98; I)
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[Sender Information]

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CITY: Miami Beach
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33141
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Human Rights abuse by US/Coast Guard of cuban rafters.

[Message]

Mr. President:
In all my 48 years this is the first time that I am angered enough to register a complaint with my government. I am proud to be an American Citizen (Naturalized) yet today I felt ashamed of it. I viewed tonight's news about the 6 Cuban rafters that arrived on our coast today. I was appalled at the abuse that was heaped on them!

How dare the Coast Guard state that they felt threatened! Their story is ridiculous. All one had to do was view the film! Where was the threat?? These poor immigrants were hosed and pepper sprayed! All in the hope of capsizing their boat!! Are we no better than Castro?? How can we preach about Human Rights to other countries when we do this inside our own borders!!! What an example to other nations!

I am requesting that consideration be given to these 6 rafters so that they may be allowed to remain in the country they've tried so hard to reach. It will be little enough reward after all that they were put through; first by the Castro government then by our own.

Who knows how many others have been treated this way when cameras were not around to record it! The Coast Guard's Big Brother attitude has both angered and frightened me! Please do something against this incredible abuse of power. Grant these 6 entry into our great country; they have earned it and deserve it.

Thank You.
Maria C Hernandez
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Phone: (305) 861-6403

From: Pio Torres <FAMTORR1@AOL.COM> on 06/29/99 11:03 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: The Hunting of the Cuban Balseros

[Connection Information]

CLIENT:	205.188.199.153 [205.188.199.153]
BROWSER:	Mozilla/4.04 [en]C-AOL (Win95; U ;Nav)
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COUNTRY:	U S A

[Message Information]

PURPOSE:	No Answer
TOPIC:	No Answer
AFFILIATION:	No Answer
SUBJECT:	The Hunting of the Cuban Balseros

[Message]

I am an American Citizen and very proud of it. Today the Coast Guard treated 6 Cuban looking for assylum like animals. Using powerful boats to stop them from coming to shore. Using water houses to try to sink the boat and pepper spray to force them to give up the desire to rich shore after the trip the made from Cuba.

I was ashamed of the use of force by the Coast Guard and also by the Police Department acting at the Beach.

Mr. President this is not the way the United States helps the people of the world. Help this Cubans, they are trying to find liberty and freedom.Thank you.

From: Manuel Abella MD <MABELLA@WORLDNET.ATT.NET> on 06/29/99 11:03 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: US Coast Guard role with Cuban rafters

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 12.77.152.93 [12.77.152.93]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; Windows 95)
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CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Fl
ZIP-CODE: 33176
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Social Issues
AFFILIATION: Professional
SUBJECT: US Coast Guard role with Cuban rafters

[Message]

Todays incident against the Cuban "balseros"spraying with water cannons and pepper spray marks a low point in the history of the USCG. The people involved should be ashamed to wear the uniform of the USCG and represent the land of the Free and the home of the brave with such a reprehensible act. The only acceptable conclusion to any Coast Guard investigation is the removal and demotion of all involved including the Station Commander of the Seventh District!

Manuel Abella MD

From: "Antonio Torrent, Jr." <nobody@www.whitehouse.gov> on 06/29/99 11:44 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Humane treatment for Cubans fleeing the island without prope

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BROWSER: Mozilla/2.0 (compatible; MSIE 3.02; Update a; AOL 4.0; Windows 95)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

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PERSONAL-NAME: Antonio Torrent, Jr.
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CITY: Coral Gables,
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33146
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Humane treatment for Cubans fleeing the island without proper documents (US-Cuban Immigration Agreement)

[Message]

Dear Mr. President,
I was appalled and horrified at a video taken this afternoon of several US Coast Guard vessels and a number of local police attempting to stop six desperate cuban refugees from setting foot on US soil at the beach of Surfside, a town just north of Miami Beach. The Coast Guard ships blocked the way of this small but courageous group of half-starved freedom- seeking men by using their vessels to block the way, cajole, and finally attempt to sweep the men off their craft by use of water cannons all just 300 feet from the beach. For some of us, this was a sober reminder of the "El Trece de Marzo" ("13th of March") tugboat sinking by Cuban authorities outside the port of Havana a few years ago where score of lives, including children, were lost. Of the two men that made it to

shore, one kneeled and with hands full of American sand yelled "FREEDOM" just before he was hand-cuffed and maced by the police waiting on shore for a trip to jail.

We send our service men and women half-way around the world in the name of humanity and proclaim ourselves as the defenders of human rights and yet give orders to our very same service persons to strike a rickety wooden vessel, nearly drown its defenseless occupants, and coach them into a greeting with hand-cuffs and mace. As a lawyer, I understand the need to safeguard our borders but I would ask you Mr. President to view the actions taken by the US Coast Guard and local police carefully. Doesn't it offend you to see the American flag atop those US vessels?. Our symbol of liberty made an instrument of Castro's inhumanity. Does it remind you of Selma, Alabama or the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, representing an era most of us would prefer to forget.

Tell me Sir, if indeed the US Coast Guard has instruction to use their water-cannons and vessels against these unfortunate souls but fail to stop them, are they to use their real cannon and machine guns next?. Just how far are we willing to lower our sense of compassion and respect for human rights for the sake of a treaty with a tyrant. I am not an advocate of illegal immigration but the image of seen our proud US Coast Guard and respected police act in such a shameful fashion against defenseless and desperate people is more than my sense of decency can bear.

I served honorably in the US Army and I am proud to be an adopted citizen of this country. However, this incident will not go down in the history of your administration as a day to be proud of.

I trust God will give you the wisdom to recognize the horror those images gave me and all others that still think of freedom, human rights, and the dignity of man as more than words to be used in a speech.

The world is sorely in need of moral leadership Mr. President but before we can pretend to place ourselves ahead of others we must set a standard that we can all be universally proud of. I beg you to take whatever actions are neccesary to develop a clear and rational policy on how far our government agencies must or should go in implementing a treaty where everyone is presumed an "immigrant" rather than a refugee from an island which does not have the slightest notion of the concept of human rights and were the wrong word or display of dissidence can result in a conviction of several years in prison. Perhaps the incident we saw today is not an unusual event in the island-prison. I pray we never forget to feel shame and astonishment when faced with such a display of human degradation just a few feet from our shores.

God bless and guide you and the United States of America.

Very truly Yours,

Antonio Torrent, Jr.

From: Alina and Stamatios Karoutsos <kukli1@aol.com> on 06/29/99 11:49 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Help for Cuban Refugees Who Arrived in Fl. Today

[Connection Information]

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BROWSER: Mozilla/2.0 (compatible; MSIE 3.0; AOL 3.0; Windows 95)
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STATE-PROVINCE: MD
ZIP-CODE: 20878
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Seek assistance from the White House
TOPIC: Local or State Issues
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Help for Cuban Refugees Who Arrived in Fl. Today

[Message]

Dear Mr. President: Our family and I urge you to please help the Cuban refugees who arrived in the Florida coast today. They are only looking for freedom. They did not deserve the treatment that they got from the U.S. Coast Guard. We realize that the U.S. can't accept every person who tries to enter this country, but in their case, if they are returned to Cuba, their lives would be in jeopardy.

By the way, thank you for your letter in response to the war in the Balkans issue which I had written to you. It is a wonderful thing to know that everyone's comments count in this country.

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From: Nora Arias Loftis <Nloft28@AOL.com> on 06/29/99 11:18 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Incident Between Coast Guard and Cubans Seeking =

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ows 98; Compaq)
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COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: No Answer
TOPIC: No Answer
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Incident Between Coast Guard and Cubans Seeking =
Freedom

[Message]

As a voting, Cuban-American Democrat, I will like to complaint=20
about the treatment give the six Cubans trying to gain freedom=20
by our Coast Guard, and Surfside Police Department.=20

The TV images have been one of the most incredible I have=20
seen. Our Coast Guard was spraying six unarmed men rowing=20
themselves to freedom. If they had told me that what I was=20
seeing were Castro's troops trying to kill other Cubans, I=20
would have believed it. But to see that our own people - those=20
that are supposed to be helping people in our waters - try to=20
sink a small boat by spraying it with water cannons, and when=20
that failed, spraying a swimmer with pepper spray . . . that's=20
inconceivable! Thirty-four years ago, my parents brought my=20
brother and I to this country. We came into Miami, via Mexico,=20

as legal residents on October 10, 1965. As time went by, I=20
became an Administrative Secretary, married a wonderful man=20
=66rom Tennessee, and became mother of a beautiful daughter who=20
is now sixteen years old. My brother, is today a Judge in=20
Duval County - the first Cuban-American Judge in Duval County,=20
and possibly Northern Florida. We lost our father in our new=20
country - our home by choice, not by chance - a man who taught=20
us to love these United States even before we arrived to its=20
shores.=20

Except for the 98-99 school year, I have been doing volunteer=20
work in our Miami-Dade County Schools, as a Listener, starting=20
in 1992. I was a volunteer at the Summit of the Americas. My=20
brother is involved in many charitable organizations, and does=20
an innumerable amount of volunteer work in Duval County. With=20
all the love we feel for this beautiful land of ours, I am=20
ashamed of how we treat those less fortunate. Those that do=20
not know what real freedom is like.=20

Let us not behave like Castro would. Let=92s follow our laws,=20
but let us do it in a civilized, democratic way.=20

Miami-Dade=92s Republican Representatives are taking advantage=20
of this incident to ingratiate the Cuban community by saying=20
that this is . . . =93the White House policy.=94 Please do not let=
=20
it be so. Grant these Cubans the freedom they so desperately=20
seek. Thank you, Nora Arias Loftis=20

From: Emilio J Menendez <emilio@netox.net> on 06/29/99 11:16 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: the atrosodies of the florida coast

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 208.153.146.9 [208.153.146.9]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; Windows 95)
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[Sender Information]

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STATE-PROVINCE: florida
ZIP-CODE: 33010
COUNTRY: United States of America

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: Social Issues
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: the atrosodies of the florida coast

[Message]

Mr. Clinton I would like to voice my discontent about the happenings of the Florida coast this 29th dy of June 1999. First of all i was led to beleve that the coast guard was supposed to help people in need, not harrass them like it was done today. You see 6 boat people from cuba right of the coast of surfside florida were intercepted bu the coast guard, and were laced with pepper spray while trying to swim to freedom. while two were lucky enough to make it to the beach, the other four were not. the coast guard keeped circling them thus crating a wake in the ocean that they could not overcome to stop them from coming ashore. what appauled me about the situation is the way these people were treated. after they have risked their lives for seven days at sea, and were so visibly tired and ditraught, instead of helping out the sprayed them with water cannons, and after their boat sank and all 6 were inn the water were sprayed with pepper spray like

if they were some type of criminal. now i agree with most of your policies and am very proud to be born and raised in a country as wonderful as this one,which i defend against anyone who speacks bad of it, i find it very difficult to condone the acctions taken today of the florida coast. I love this country, and since this country is the country that stand for human rights all over the world i would beg of you to review these acctions taken by the coast guard. furthermore i wish to know if these gentlemen of the coast guard acted under orders from their superiors, or acted on their own recognosance.

the tape of all the happenings here today are all over miami television so they should be fairly easy to get. if not nbc6 localy in miami has the best views of what happened.we all deserve the right to liberty, and these people should not be excluded from that right. i beaing an american that was born and raised here, 30 years of age find it hard to explain to my children what they say on the news, for i don`t think that it is a crime to want freedom.

thank you for hearing me out and i would like to thank you in advance for looking into this matter, especiall since we are so close to independance day

Emilio J Menendez

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AG/INS/DOT

From: Anna Pacheco <apacheco@gate.net> on 06/29/99 11:28 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Cuban Immigration Law

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 207.30.183.30 [207.30.183.30]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.0; Windows 95; CNETHomeBuild051099)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

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CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33125
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Government or Constitution
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Cuban Immigration Law

[Message]

I was born in the United States, descendent of Cuban parents. I live in Miami, FL. I am usually very proud to be American, United States born, but today is not one of them. After seeing the Coast Guard's actions on our beaches, spraying mace on defenseless immigrants trying to make it to shore, pushing them off there rinky dink roe boat and them making waves with the coast guard cutters to try to drown them. All caught on live camera. This was unjust and uncalled for action. Who ever ok'd this action and participated in the fiasco should be dismissed with a dishonorable discharge from the Coast Guard and the immigrants that were hunted should be released to their families, all 6 of them. The Coast Guard's actions were truly unAmerican.

From: SIBOMAR@AOL.COM on 06/30/99 03:33 AM GMT

To: president@Whitehouse.GOV
cc:
Subject: 6/29/99 cuban arrivals at Miami Beach, Fl.

From:
MARIA C. LUACES
10117 SOUTH MAPLE AVENUE
OAK LAWN, , IL 60453

President Clinton:

I am SICKEN by the treatment these young people
received from THE US COAST GUARDS., as far as I can see,
the COAST GUARD DID TO THEM, THE SAME THING CASTRO, DID TO YOUNG CHILDREN,
WOMAN AND MEN,that left our island in search of FREEDOM.(DROWNED THEM, WITH
THEIR WATER HOSES, THIS COUNTRY IS FOR THE PEOPLE. WHOSE PEOPLE?, THE ONLY
TRUE AMERICANS ARE THE INDIANS., HOW CAN YOU ALLOW, FOR THESE CRIMES TO HAPPEN
TO PEOPLE SEEKING FREEDOM. WHY DID YOU ATTACK KOSOVO, IF NOT FOR FREEDOM,
WHY... ARE THESE YOUNG MEN BEING DROWNED IN AMERICAN SHORES?WHY ARE THEY
REFUSED A DRINK OF WATER? every prisoner receives that. Once can see, that
Americans do not appreciate nor understand nor feel WHAT FREEDOM IS. AGAIN,
WHY, DID THE US COAST GUARD TREAT THIS YOUNG MEN LIKE THEY DID?

Sincerely,

MARIA C. LUACES

From: Marlene Arribas <Blumo@AOL.com> on 07/03/99 09:58 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: The Cuban dilema

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 205.188.200.26[205.188.200.26]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.0; AOL 4.0; Windows 98; DigExt)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

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CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33134
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Legislation
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: The Cuban dilema

[Message]

Dear Mr. President;
I am a U.S. Citizen, first generation and a registered Democrat. I am writing this letter because of the incidents that have occured in the past few days here in Miami. I am totally appalled at both the Coast Guard and the Border Patrol for their treatment of the Cubans trying to reach our shores. Something has to be done with the Border Patrol here in our area with their treatment of ALL immigrants. I have personally seen cases of bad treatment since I work with the Immigrant community. But at the same time I am also appalled at the free rein that is given to the newly arriving Cubans. They get everything they need to sustain themselves for at least a year handed to them and the rest of the immigrants and AMERICANS do not get treated equally. I pay my taxes and have for many many years and this waste of my tax dollars has to stop. I believe

we must have equality under our laws for all immigrants and I do not wish to pay for those Cubans that arrive illegally and take, take take. This has to stop. I also believe this was a staged event. I do not wish to have MY RIGHTS stepped on by people who have no respect for our country, it's laws and any rights except their own. Those who come here MUST respect our citizens, our laws and our rights. The message put out on Spanish radio and television was that it is all the fault of Clinton. Do something or we will not have a Democrat in our White House next term.

DOT

From: raul calzadilla <yara@zeronet.net> on 06/29/99 09:00 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Mistreatment of cuban refugees, today, off Miami Beach

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 4.12.42.117 [4.12.42.117]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.0; Windows 95; DigExt)
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CITY: miami
STATE-PROVINCE: florida
ZIP-CODE: 33177
COUNTRY:

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Justice or Crime
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Mistreatment of cuban refugees, today, off Miami Beach

[Message]

The U.S. Coast Guard has today severely mistreated and probably endangered the lifes of a group of "balseros" when very near Miami Beach. They ware water hosed, sprayed with pepper aerosol while in the water; perhaps to force them to swim beack to Cuba or worse. This is clearly inhumane and clearly not representative of our American values towards refugees. Nothing but the very strongest reprimand to the culprits, in public, will satisfy this citizen. I am mistaken in my belief that this administration is kinder toward the Castro Govt. than to people who risk it all to get to our shores ? Thank you for your consideration.

From: Odalys Fernandez <ODY823@aol.com> on 06/29/99 09:12 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Cubans intercepted today in Miami Beach

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 205.188.199.188[205.188.199.188]
BROWSER: Mozilla/2.0 (compatible; MSIE 3.0; AOL 4.0; Windows 3.1)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

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ORGANIZATION: MY self - out of my heart
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 13918 SW 171 Ter.
CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33177
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Cubans intercepted today in Miami Beach

[Message]

Today I am ashamed of being a United States Citizen after seeing with my own eyes the atrocity on television with the 6 (Balceros) young men trying to find liberty after being in ocean waters for many hours and watching our US Coast Guard react in such a violence way as to spray Pepper spay or mace and hittng them with high preasure water as to drown them.

I would like someone to explain to me if this is the Law and if this is the way we react to such situations.

Odalys Fernandez
(305)235-5851

DOT

From: Martha Dawson <mdawson@bellsouth.net> on 06/29/99 09:18 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: The Coast Guard and its treatments of Cubans today

[Connection Information]

CLIENT:	216.77.208.100 [216.77.208.100]
BROWSER:	Mozilla/3.01-C-MACOS8 (Macintosh; I; 68K)
URL:	http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

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RELATIONSHIP:	
STREET-ADDRESS:	7911 N.W. 3rd Street Building 18-105
CITY:	Pembroke Pines
STATE-PROVINCE:	FL
ZIP-CODE:	33024
COUNTRY:	USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE:	Ask a specific question regarding Administration policy
TOPIC:	Transportation
AFFILIATION:	Private Citizen
SUBJECT:	The Coast Guard and its treatments of Cubans today

[Message]

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What is much worse is that the Coast Guard acted wrong by using force to prevent these men from reaching shore.

We should open our arms to all six men and treat them as the freedom loving heroes they are. And the Coast Guard should be disciplined for the role it played in today's fiasco.

Sincerely,
Martha Dawson

DOT

From: "Colonel Lee rogers, AUS, retired" <rog11590@aol.com> on 06/29/99 09:21 PM GMT

To: President@gateway

Subject: Cuban refugees and the Coast Guard

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 205.188.193.36 [205.188.193.36]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; AOL 4.0; Windows 95)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Colonel Lee rogers, AUS, retired
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CITY: Pembroke Pines
STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33025-4341
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Veteran
SUBJECT: Cuban refugees and the Coast Guard

[Message]

Mr. President, I am a firm supporter of your administration and your policies, and I fully support Vice President Gore in his run for the Presidency; BUT I just saw something on the News here in South Florida that disgusted me as an American and as one who was disgusted by our turning away Jewish refugess trying to escape from Hitler. I just watched OUR Coast Guard try to sink a small boat load of Cuban refugees trying to win our game of making it to our shores without being stopped by the Coast Guard. My fellow Americans sprayed mace on a refugee in the water trying to get to shore so he could be returned to Cuba under our immigration rules. They cornered the poor swimmers trying to make it and played Cowboy with the Coast Guard ships trying to coral the Cubans in the water. The man they caught with mace got to the shore, and our police threw him down and handcuffed him like a common criminal. Mr. President, please help and intercede for these

refugees. G-d forbid, this newscast is picked up by the Serbians.

From: Maria Arroyo <portable@bellsouth.com> on 06/29/99 09:25 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Brutal assault by the coast gard, to cubans, on June 29, 199

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 209.214.1.57 [209.214.1.57]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; Windows NT)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

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EMAIL-ADDRESS: portable@bellsouth.com
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
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CITY: Miramar
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33027
COUNTRY: U.S.

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Ask a specific question regarding Administration policy
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Brutal assault by the coast gard, to cubans, on June 29, 1999

[Message]

Mr President: We are appaulled and in complete disagrement with the brutal procedure that The U. S. Coast Guard acted on June 29, 1999, on the waters of Miami Beach, (collins and 85th) using pepper spray and water cannons to sink and make the 6 cubans, political refugees jump off the small boat so that they could not reach freedon, that they all seek.

In closing I would like to say that I do not understand why the U.S. Goverment. strives to Uphold Human Rights through out the World and yet its sinks to this level of inhuman treatment in our own land.

From: Margie Lopez <Craftemome@aol.com> on 06/29/99 09:30 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: The injustice and inappropriate behavior towards Cuban rafte

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 152.163.197.73 [152.163.197.73]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.0; AOL 4.0; Windows 98; DigExt)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Margie Lopez
EMAIL-ADDRESS: Craftemome@aol.com
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 7560 SW 28 Street
CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33155
COUNTRY:

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Offer neutral commentary, advice, or a suggestion
TOPIC: Social Issues
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: The injustice and inappropriate behavior towards Cuban rafters

[Message]

As I sit in total disbelieve and watch the images coming in through my television - the unfolding scene here in Miami Beach, Florida; I am totally embarrassed by the behavior of the US Coast Guard towards the 6 Cuban rafters trying to reach our shores today.

I understand the policy agreed upon by the your administration and that of the Cuban government, however there has to be a difference between politics and humanitarian issues. How can we stand and call the Cuban government murderers for the sinking of the vessel in their harbour where Cuban people trying to leave their homeland, when we have just tried to sink a small vessel here in Miami with 6 unarmed and non-threatening Cuban men. These tired, defenseless men have

been greeted by our Coast Guards as one of the 10 Most Wanted Criminals. The news tries to state that the Coast Guard was only trying to calm them down. Well, Mr. Clinton try imagining yourself in a very small vessel, being sprayed with pepper spray, and trying to row away from the Coast Guard and all of a sudden having your boat sprayed with a very powerful water cannon? Would you get defensive and upset?Once on shore, you are hand cuffed and whisked away like common criminals. Were are we Americans storing our hearts? Those 4 poor souls who were only yards away from the shore line, what of their struggle, their rights, and their futures? How can we call ourselves the defenders of freedom when we will go to any lengths to keep people away from our shores?

I am a young mother of 3 children, ages 17, 10, and 4. Please tell me how to explain this unexcusable act again mankind to my children. I am of Cuban origin, however, I ahve always been in agreement with your administration....BUT THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE AND CANNOT BE ACCEPTED BY ANY HUMAN BEING!!!!!!!!!!

Please take immediate action to correct this situation. Take control of this event, turn it around to be a positive being to future events such as this one. Show the Nation and the World that you can take control of the different arms of government, that as Commander in Chief you can show your followers how to respect human lives whether they are Americans or not!

From: Flavia Llizo <miamichina@aol.whitehouse.gov> on 06/29/99 08:18 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Disapproval of treament of cuban rafters on 6/29/99

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 152.163.195.201 [152.163.195.201]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; AOL 4.0; Windows 95)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Flavia Llizo
EMAIL-ADDRESS: miamichina@aol
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 9741 SW 129 Street
CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33176
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Legislation
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Disapproval of treament of cuban rafters on 6/29/99

[Message]

I am a 27 year old female who is extremely proud to be an american and live my life in this country. That is of course until this afternoon when regular programming on television was interrupted so that we could see 6 cuban rafters attempting to reach our shoreline on Miami Beach. I was appalled at the way the US Coast Guard was trying to prevent their arrival on the shore. They (Coast Guard) resorted to using water hoses, pepper spray and near drowing in order to prevent the cubans from reaching shore.

We just finished a conflict in the eastern europe that was caused because a tyrant was violating the civil rights of its country's people, and here we are trying to drown 6 young men fighting for their freedom.

I don't belive the US policy on Cuba calls for this type of

aggression, we are not to interfere with the cubans attempt to reach shore. I'm aware that if they're intercepted at sea they are returned to their home.

From: Dorgeris Lauredo <lauredo8@bellsouth.com> on 06/29/99 11:18 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Human Rights

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 209.214.5.164 [209.214.5.164]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.04 [en]C-bls40 (Win95; U)
URL:
http://www2.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Dorgeris Lauredo
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ORGANIZATION: Cuban American
RELATIONSHIP: Cuban American
STREET-ADDRESS: 10 s.w. 39th avenue
CITY: miami, coral gables,
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33134
COUNTRY: usa

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Senior Citizen
SUBJECT: Human Rights

[Message]

I am horrified about what happen in Miami Beach this afternoon in Miami with the Cuban refugees. We are not immigrants we are refugees. Cuba is the only communist government in Latin American. A government who treats is people with no respect, or freedom. I could not believe how the police of Sunnyland treated the Cuban arriving into the United States. This country was founded by people seeking political freedom, fredom of religion, and liberty. I expected that treatment from Fidels government not any United States citizen.

You must liberate these Cuban refugees.

Thank You,

Dorgeris Lauredo

From: Phest016@aol.com on 06/30/99 01:32 PM GMT

To: president@Whitehouse.GOV
cc:
Subject: US Coast Guard

From:
Paula Hester
74 W. Pine Tree Ave
Lake Worth, FL 33467

President Clinton:

Dear Mr. President:
I am upset by the way the US Coast Guard conducted themselves yesterday. They treated the 6 Cubans horribly. I would not treat a dog the way they treated those Cubans. I was shamed as an American by their behavior. I sincerely hoped that those who were involved yesterday will be court martialed and placed in jail. I spoke with a Sr. Chief Glenn Rosenholm today with the Coast Guard office of public affairs and was concerned by his attitude of this incident. He was less than helpful and suggested that I just do nothing and let the dust settled. Well, I can't just do nothing. I sincerely hope that you will see that those involved will not go upunished for the abusive conduct yesterday.

I approve of your medicare reform. Thanks!
Sincerely,
Paula Hester
74 W. Pine Tree Avenue
Lake Worth, FL 33467
(561)967-0156

Sincerely,

Paula Hester

From: Jacky Brun <BrunJPFS@Aol.com> on 07/02/99 04:49 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: U.S policy concerning Carribean Countries

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 152.163.207.187[152.163.207.187]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; AOL 4.0; Windows 98)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Jacky Brun
EMAIL-ADDRESS: BrunJPFS@ Aol.com
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 1514 n.w 52nd Ave
CITY: Lauderhill
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33313
COUNTRY: United States of America

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: No Answer
AFFILIATION: Other
SUBJECT: U.S policy concerning Carribean Countries

[Message]

Dear Mr.(President) Bill Clinton
I want to know what are the foreigh policy concerning the Coast Guard entercepting people at sea. The other day as I was watching Matlock the News came up Live. What I saw was six refugees trying to make it to freedom. The Coast Guard sprayed them with water hoses and other foreign object. What are the laws and what can we do in America the riches nation to stop the mistreatment of the people who are trying to get freedom. I know this country is made of migrants and how do we determine who stays and who goes. The law is very confusing and I would like to know more about the policy. I see Haittian Refugees risk their lives for freedom and watch them be sent back the same night. When it is the Cuban refugees they're process and released to family members within 24 hrs. Why is that ? I am a person that wants to know the law.

P.S the economy is doing great. I would love to meet you in person and hope to be able to do that. I never got a chance to see Michael Jordan play but I want to see you.

Sincerly Yours
J Brun

From: Michele Quinones <MQuin13377@aol.com> on 06/29/99 10:50 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Please help my people!

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 205.188.199.27[205.188.199.27]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.0; MSN 2.5; AOL 4.0; Windows 98)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Michele Quinones
EMAIL-ADDRESS: MQuin13377@aol.com
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
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CITY: pembroke pines
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33025
COUNTRY: United States of America

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Seek assistance from the White House
TOPIC: Foreign Affairs
AFFILIATION: Student - College or University
SUBJECT: Please help my people!

[Message]

Dear Mr. President, I am the 22 year old daughter of a Cuban immigrant. As you well know by now, an awful site occurred off the coast of Miami Beach today (6/29/99). For 90 minutes Floridians watched as 6 freedom seeking Cubans attempted to make their way onto American soil. Unfortunately the United States Coast Guard did not handle the situation in a very humane way. You, Mr. President, are being blamed for the harsh treatment of these Cubans. I hope that your policies did not cause this. Thankfully, 2 of the Cubans made it to land, but 4 others remain in the custody of INS. These courageous men risked their lives to step foot on this great land of ours, but their attempts were thwarted only 1/2 a mile from the coast. I ask that you review your policies or give these men asylum before another group of Cubans die attempting to reach freedom or are sent back into the communist hands of Fidel

Castro.

From: Helen Knight Morejon <A-Lo-da-Var@WebTv.net> on 06/29/99 10:56 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Protection and refuge for the people that through all the hi

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CLIENT: [redacted] [redacted]
BROWSER: Mozilla/3.0 WebTV/1.2 (compatible; MSIE 2.0)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Helen Knight Morejon
EMAIL-ADDRESS: A-Lo-da-Var@WebTv net
ORGANIZATION: Myself
RELATIONSHIP: Cuban born but American Citizen
STREET-ADDRESS: 8121 Findlay St.
CITY: Houston
STATE-PROVINCE: Texas
ZIP-CODE: 77017
COUNTRY: U.S.A

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Other
SUBJECT: Protection and refuge for the people that through all the history has been trusting and helping United States.

[Message]

Dear Mr.President

Next month I will be sixty-five years of age. I do remember well the World War II time, doesn't matter that I was a small child. Cuba trained in a camp named

"Managua" in Havana Cuba incase we go to war. Cuba was United States allied, and helped againts submarines from the enemy. Once in a town named Matanzas they discovered two Japanese submarines, my cousin Juan Luis Hernandez travel to United States in a transport ship named "Columbia" usually to New Orleans to bring suger and goods to U.S. Like him many other young men and ships travel to U.S. at risk of their own lives, like a friend I use to have from Matanzas Oswaldo Llorens

Guiteras was a pilot and was shot down and died. We didnt send soldiers but we did send U.S. everything we had that you needed to the point that we almost didnt have food to eat and everything was scarce. I was living in Havana on Presidents Avenue in Vedado, and I remember in order to have a piece of meat we had to pay outragous amounts of money. To Zocato the orderly of the police colonel Antonio Diaz Baldoquin always the cubans were friendly and truthful to the U.S. I understand that the late commers (cubans) some of them have poor behavior, but you must understand that its been forty years of terror and hunger and mainly, lack of freedom. When they came to the U.S. they misunderstood freedom with lawlessness in Cuba in order to eat or have something they have to steal or have dollars. The bigshots in Cuba have everything, but not the people. It's been very painful to see today in Miami's Surfside how Coast Guards treated the cubans come to the U.S. coast. As far as I understand Florida sands are U.S. territory doesn't matter if it has water on the top. It's my personnal opinion that what ver the newcommers need is some therapy and teach them how to live here (rehab) they know that communist system but not the Democracy. I've lived here about 35 years, my children have grown and got married here and I have 14 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren all born in the U.S. I owe my family and my freedom to the U.S. Old as I am, Im willing to give my life to this country if necessary, but if I were to see what I saw in Florida how the cuban refugees got mistreated and I shall be lashed out for being a COWARD !!!!!

Helen.

Asylum (DOT)

From: Enicka Garrote <Enicka@aol.com> on 06/29/99 11:03 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Inhumane treatment of Cuban Refugees by U.S. Coast Guard

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 152.163.207.203 [152.163.207.203]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; AOL 4.0; Windows 95)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Enicka Garrote
EMAIL-ADDRESS: Enicka@aol.com
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RELATIONSHIP: none
STREET-ADDRESS: 12021 S.W. 101 Avenue
CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33176
COUNTRY: U.S.A.

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: Justice or Crime
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Inhumane treatment of Cuban Refugees by U.S. Coast Guard

[Message]

Mr. President, I would like to register my complaint concerning the overly aggressive behavior of the U.S. Coast Guard toward the 5 defenseless Cuban Refugees who tried to reach shore near the waters off Miami Beach, Florida. These poor men were sprayed with Mace and practically drowned by water hoses as they tried to reach shore. They were not threatening the Coast Guard, nor were they armed. I would like to know if this is the normal procedure we use to greet indigent people who try to escape communism and dictatorship?I am truly embarrassed by our countries behavior and believe that these men should receive as part of a formal apology, political asylum in the U.S.. I am not Cuban.

From: "Lourdes C. Pupo" <Luly923@aol.com> on 06/29/99 11:03 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Cuban Rafters

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 152.163.213.189 [152.163.213.189]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; AOL 4.0; Windows 98)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Lourdes C. Pupo
EMAIL-ADDRESS: Luly923@aol.com
ORGANIZATION: None
RELATIONSHIP: Citizen
STREET-ADDRESS: 6370 S.W. 18 Terrace
CITY: West Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33155-1978
COUNTRY: U.S.A.

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Cuban Rafters

[Message]

Dear President Clinton:
I am writing to you because I am outraged about what happened today off the coast of Miami Beach when six Cuban rafters were attempting to swim to shore and two Coast Guard boats starting hosing them and spraying maze in their eyes to prevent them from reaching our shore. Two managed to escape and despite the abuse by the Coast Guards made it ashore and the other four were captured and we don't know their whereabouts.

It is ironic that this incident occurred as Vice President was addressing union workers in a Miami Beach hotel just a few miles away.

I implore you to please get involved and ask for an investigation to prevent incidents like this from happening again. I know that Fidel Castro is laughing today and the next

time the United States acuses him of human rights violations, he'll laugh in our faces since United States government workers are doing the same thing in our waters.

Thanking you for your attention in this matter.

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From: Martha Dawson <mdawson@bellsouth.net> on 06/29/99 09:18 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: The Coast Guard and its treatments of Cubans today

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 216.77.208.100 [216.77.208.100]
BROWSER: Mozilla/3.01-C-MACOS8 (Macintosh; I; 68K)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Martha Dawson
EMAIL-ADDRESS: mdawson@bellsouth.net
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 7911 N.W. 3rd Street Building 18-105
CITY: Pembroke Pines
STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33024
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Ask a specific question regarding Administration policy
TOPIC: Transportation
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: The Coast Guard and its treatments of Cubans today

[Message]

Dear Mr. President,
Please explain our government's current policy toward Cubans coming ashore in Mimai.

I was sickened and saddened to watch on TV how the Coast Guard tried to hold off six men from reaching the shores of Miami-Dade County.

Against Coast Guard boats blocking them, 2 men managed to swim ashore. The other four were forcefully pulled into the boats. Will the claims that these four men make against the Castro government be disregarded as they are returned to Cuba?

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What is much worse is that the Coast Guard acted wrong by using force to prevent these men from reaching shore.

We should open our arms to all six men and treat them as the freedom loving heroes they are. And the Coast Guard should be disciplined for the role it played in today's fiasco.

Sincerely,
Martha Dawson

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From: Clara Gutierrez <nobody@www.whitehouse.gov> on 06/29/99 08:16 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: 6/29/99 Unjust treatment of Cuban rafters by US Coast Guard

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 152.163.207.202 [152.163.207.202]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; AOL 4.0; Windows 98; Compaq)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Clara Gutierrez
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ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 165 West 26th Street-Apt. #1
CITY: Hialeah
STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33010
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: No Answer
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: 6/29/99 Unjust treatment of Cuban rafters by US Coast Guard

[Message]

I am appauled at the action that the US Coast Guard used against 4 inicent young men who were flee for freedom. I could understand these things being done by the government of Fidel Castro but not by a democratic government like this one.

I hope you launch an investigation against who gave the orders to use pepper spray and water hoses against them. I thought that when these actions were taken in the 60's against the negros during the ugliest racial period that this country went through and learned from we would never treat another human being like an animal. This is how these 4 young men were being treated today. I hope you take the necessary steps and stop this from happening again because it is so unconstitutional.

Please help our people. If you want to stop the migration you are going to have to change the friendly policies that you have toward Fidel Castro and begin plan his removal. We have gotten involved in Kosovo why not Cuba.....they are both they same beast.

STOP THE INJUST TREATMENT OF THE ISLANDERS 90 MILES FROM THE US SHORES.

Thank you.

Clara Gutierrez

AGUAS/ DOT

From: "Norma E. Dora & Maria V. Sueiro" <suedor@bellsouth.net> on 06/29/99 11:58 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Cuban Rafters

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 209.215.28.118 [209.215.28.118]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.04 [en]C-bls40 (Win95; U)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Norma E. Dora & Maria V. Sueiro
EMAIL-ADDRESS: suedor@bellsouth.net
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 12913 S.W. 49 Terrace
CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: Florida
ZIP-CODE: 33175
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: Justice or Crime
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Cuban Rafters

[Message]

Dear Mr. President;
Tears came to our eyes when we saw the news today, June 29, 1999, regarding the rafters that reached our shores in Miami Beach. The treatmnet given by the Coast Guard was deplorable. This leads us to believe that if this action was done in front of so many people to see, what kind of treatment have the ones far out at sea been given. Are we to believe that this kind of treatment is condoned by your office, and if so, how many lives have been lost at sea. The only thing these people are looking for is freedom, something this country has always given freely, and is what creates our foundation! Our wish is that you set all of them free!

Sincerely,
Norma E. Dora and Maria V. Sueiro

Mr. Agliss IDOT

From: "Colonel Lee rogers, AUS, retired" <rog11590@aol.com> on 06/29/99 09:21 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Cuban refugees and the Coast Guard

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: 205.188.193.30 [205.188.193.30]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; AOL 4.0; Windows 95)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

[Sender Information]

PERSONAL-NAME: Colonel Lee rogers, AUS, retired
EMAIL-ADDRESS: rog11590@aol.com
ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
STREET-ADDRESS: 11590 SW 10th Court
CITY: Pembroke Pines
STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33025-4341
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Veteran
SUBJECT: Cuban refugees and the Coast Guard

[Message]

Mr. President, I am a firm supporter of your administration and your policies, and I fully support Vice President Gore in his run for the Presidency; BUT I just saw something on the News here in South Florida that disgusted me as an American and as one who was disgusted by our turning away Jewish refugess trying to escape from Hitler. I just watched OUR Coast Guard try to sink a small boat load of Cuban refugees trying to win our game of making it to our shores without being stopped by the Coast Guard. My fellow Americans sprayed mace on a refugee in the water trying to get to shore so he could be returned to Cuba under our immigration rules. They cornered the poor swimmers trying to make it and played Cowboy with the Coast Guard ships trying to coral the Cubans in the water. The man they caught with mace got to the shore, and our police threw him down and handcuffed him like a common criminal. Mr. President, please help and intercede for these

refugees. G-d forbid, this newscast is picked up by the Serbians.

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From: Maria Arroyo <portable@bellsouth.com> on 06/29/99 09:25 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Brutal assault by the coast gard, to cubans, on June 29, 199

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BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; Windows NT)
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COUNTRY: U.S.

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Ask a specific question regarding Administration policy
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Brutal assault by the coast gard, to cubans, on June 29, 1999

[Message]

Mr President: We are appaulled and in complete disagrement with the brutal procedure that The U. S. Coast Guard acted on June 29, 1999, on the waters of Miami Beach, (collins and 85th) using pepper spray and water cannons to sink and make the 6 cubans, political refugees jump off the small boat so that they could not reach freedon, that they all seek.

In closing I would like to say that I do not understand why the U.S. Goverment. strives to Uphold Human Rights through out the World and yet its sinks to this level of inhuman treatment in our own land.

From: mario <mario617@aol.com> on 06/29/99 09:58 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: you should be ashamed of what took place in florida today

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[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: Justice or Crime
AFFILIATION: No Answer
SUBJECT: you should be ashamed of what took place in florida today

[Message]

Mr President I cant belive what i have just seen on tv how can we say we are a leader in human rights when i just saw cuban boys trying to drwoned by the coast guard i am very ashamed of eing an american today and to be a democrat how can such an injustice take palce while you are president i will never understand but if that is the case well maybe its time to cahnage to the republican side i cant belive what i have seen why do we let all these other people into this country when cuba is under a communist dictatorship and these poor kids are trying to find freedom the very thing that is the basic fundamental right of every human being they were treated like animals no let me clear that animals are treated better in this country is this what the democaratic party has come too how can these animals who we pay there keep the coast guard do this and get away with it i hope you will take a stand as a man for the first time in your prsidency sincerly

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From: "Jorge D. Pinares" <seadog8@aol.com> on 06/29/99 09:51 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Coast Guard action

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CLIENT: 205.188.199.54 [205.188.199.54]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; AOL 4.0; Windows 98)
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COUNTRY:

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Justice or Crime
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Coast Guard action

[Message]

Mr. President: An incident has happened today off Miami Beach which has placed our country on a par with all freedom supressing dictatorships of the world. Six helpless men on a raft have been rammed, hosed down, circled like cattle by Coast Guard boats, sprayed with pepper spray and forcibly removed from OUR FREE waters by our Coast Guard, the same service which has had a long history of serving this country in war and peace to save lives, not put them in danger.

All of this happened within sight of hundreds of tourists which were laying on the beach and within sight of TV cameras which have broadcast this CRIME over all local channels. It is ironic that a country which is helping the Kosovars keep their freedoms far away from our shores can send out an order which takes away the freedom of Cubans 150 feet from our shoreline.

Of course, everyone in the Cuban community here knows just whose policy this is, BILL CLINTON's. It is great that your PUPPET, Al Gore, is visiting our town. Maybe he can apologize to our community for the criminal acts performed on your behalf by our glorious Coast Guard. I am absolutely sure that the fine young men who carried out this order are extremely ashamed of their acts, but they were only carrying out the orders of their Commander in Chief.

I hope you can sleep at night after ordering such criminal acts, made all the more ironic by the fact that you chose to avoid service in our Armed Forces on the fact that the Vietnam war was immoral, well Mr. President, your orders are IMMORAL, and highly hypocritical considering how you are always pressing other governments to respect human rights.

From: Manuel Pinares <mannyp@wwa.com> on 06/29/99 09:38 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Cuban refugees treated like criminals

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CLIENT: 207.241.91.213[207.241.91.213]
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[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Ask a specific question regarding Administration policy
TOPIC: Justice or Crime
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Cuban refugees treated like criminals

[Message]

I am appalled and disgusted with the way the U.S. Government treated the 5 Cubans who tried to land in Miami Beach today. We just wasted billions of dollars defending the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, thousands of miles away and we treat Communist refugees from 90 miles away like animals.

Could this be American ethnic cleansing? This administration doesn't have a clue about Foreign Policy, as a Cuban-American I'm going to do whatever is in my power to make sure that Al Gore does not become President in Y2K. I'm going to volunteer for any Republican that needs help to make sure every Democrat loses his/her try for public office. My fellow Cubans in Miami will also fight for the rights of fleeing hostages of the Communist regime. Mr. President, do you really want to leave a legacy? Then step down with your VP and let a real

President run this great country, where's Ronald Reagan when you need him? Mr. President you are an embarrassment to this great country.

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From: Clara Gutierrez <nobody@www.whitehouse.gov> on 06/29/99 08:16 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: 6/29/99 Unjust treatment of Cuban rafters by US Coast Guard

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URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

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ZIP-CODE: 33010
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Other
TOPIC: No Answer
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: 6/29/99 Unjust treatment of Cuban rafters by US Coast Guard

[Message]

I am appauled at the action that the US Coast Guard used against 4 inicent young men who were flee for freedom. I could understand these things being done by the government of Fidel Castro but not by a democratic government like this one.

I hope you launch an investigation against who gave the orders to use pepper spray and water hoses against them. I thought that when these actions were taken in the 60's against the negros during the ugliest racial period that this country went through and learned from we would never treat another human being like an animal. This is how these 4 young men were being treated today. I hope you take the necessary steps and stop this from happening again because it is so unconstitutional.

Please help our people. If you want to stop the migration you are going to have to change the friendly policies that you have toward Fidel Castro and begin plan his removal. We have gotten involved in Kosovo why not Cuba.....they are both they same beast.

STOP THE INJUST TREATMENT OF THE ISLANDERS 90 MILES FROM THE US SHORES.

Thank you.

Clara Gutierrez

From: "CESAR R.LASTRA" <houses4sale@juno.com> on 06/29/99 11:15 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: PERSECUTION OF UNARMED REFUGEES

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CLIENT: 205.188.192.28[205.188.192.28]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; AOL 4.0; Windows 98)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

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ZIP-CODE: 33156
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Local or State Issues
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: PERSECUTION OF UNARMED REFUGEES

[Message]

JUST LIKE CASTRO DID WITH THE "13 DE MARZO" TUGBOAT AT HAVANA HARBOR SOME TIME AGO, THE U.S.COAST GUARD TRIED TO SINK A SIX REFUGEES'BOAT TODAY IN MIAMI.EVEN USING THE SAME SADISTIC WEAPONS (WATER HOSES, PEPPER!!)JUST AS CASTRO DID.

THIS ONLY A FEW DAYS AWAY FROM CELEBRATING OUR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY. WHEN ARE GOING TO STOP USING THE SAME COMUNNIST TACTICS AGAINST UNARMED PEOPLE TRYNG TO GAIN FREEDOM..TO THIS..THE LAND OF THE FREE?

From: Mario Alonso <mea8539@netscape.net> on 06/29/99 11:33 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Cuban Human Rights Policy in the USA

[Connection Information]

CLIENT: [redacted]
BROWSER: Mozilla/4.5 [en] (Win95; I)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

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COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Human Rights
AFFILIATION: Small Business Owner or Employee
SUBJECT: Cuban Human Rights Policy in the USA

[Message]

Shame on you for your resposibility in reference to the incident that occured here in Miami today 6/29/99. The Coast Guard's inhuman treatment of 6 Cubans that tried to reach American soil was unheard of. After risking their lives in a small boat and weathering terrible hardships they were welcomed with less civility than that which you would use on dangerous beasts. This is YOUR policy towards Cubans who will not live as slaves. You must be very proud of being one of Fidel Castro's good friends I'm sure he is very prou of you! I am NOT!! Today I am ashamed of being an American citizen because of your policies which underline abusive treatment of those who will not stay where they cannot be free!Shame on you!!!!This I will never forget, see you election day November 2000.

From: Victor Valdes <dts@shadow.net> on 06/29/99 11:33 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Please read this Mr. President

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BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; Windows 98)
URL: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Mail/html/Mail_President.html

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PERSONAL-NAME: Victor Valdes
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ORGANIZATION:
RELATIONSHIP:
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CITY: Miami
STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33015
COUNTRY: US

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Offer neutral commentary, advice, or a suggestion
TOPIC: Justice or Crime
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Please read this Mr. President

[Message]

The Honorable President of the United State of America Mr. William J Clinton The White House Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:
What happened today off the beaches in Miami Beach, Florida is the worst act of human rights violation I have ever seen. You just expend billions of our hard earned tax dollars in Kosovo. The basic principle you and the rest of the free world choose to go to Kosovo was to liberate its people because of the incredible human rights violation perpetuated by one mad individual. Yet off our own shores in Miami, today June 29th, 1999 at approximately 2:00PM your very own forces perpetuated an incredible act of violence against people who were only looking for freedom as the people of Kosovo.

As a United States citizen, I demand you look into the Cuban rafter incident that took place today. The United States Coast Guard acted like animals without compassion. I always though the USCG was responsible for saving lives, but today on LIVE TV they showed how to capsize a 14 foot wooden boat with 6 innocent individuals with water cannons and pepper spray. To make themselves look good, they placed the individuals on the USCG boats with life preservers after they tried to kill them.

I also demand that the USCG service discipline the individuals who did not use protocol. This is the protocol, which we pay millions for them to get training. The whole incident looked like an old western posse. For the first time if my life, today I feel ashamed to be an American.

Sincerely,

Victor Valdes
6175 NW 167th Street, Suite G-1
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Cc: Honorable Jeb Bush
USCG
US Pentagon
US State Department

From: "Carlos A. Rodriguez and Bertha V. Rodriguez" <CARBMV@AOL.COM> on 06/29/99 11:54 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: Inhumane treatment of Cuban rafters arriving in Miami on Jun

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BROWSER: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.01; AOL 4.0; Windows 98)
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ZIP-CODE: 33134
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Social Issues
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: Inhumane treatment of Cuban rafters arriving in Miami on June 29,1999

[Message]

Honarable Bill Clinton
President of the United States

Dear Mr. President:
I am a naturalized United States citizen who is appalled by the treatment by Coast Guard and law enforcement personell in the incident involving cuban rafters today in Miami. I have been a lifelong Democrat yet find the policies you have implemented which are being barbaricly executed to be antethema to every thing the Democratic Party stands for. The incident today of Coast Guard officers circling the rafters and shooting them with water hoses, attempting to swamp them and the police tackling the ones who jumped into the water as they lunged for freedom on the sand is the most disgusting violation of basic human rights I have seen in sometime. I

hold a Juris Doctor degree from Florida State College of Law where I was taught that the law of the sea requires you to offer aid to those in need. The official actions of our government and the callous disregard for basic human rights and dignaties is a disgrace.

Had it not been for the video record of the official action of the officers (as happened in the Rodney King case) this would never have come to light and been swept uder the rug.

I strongly urge you as the Commaander in Chief and as the elected President of our nation to reverse your policy and not only receive these refugees who are persecuted upon their return to Cuba but in actively giving assistance to those fleeing the dictatorship of Castro.

The dignaty of the American people requires if we are to continue to lead the free world to actively insure basic human rights to these refugees. If not perhaps we should cover the inscription on the Statute of Liberty from "Give me your tired your poor your huddled masses yaerning to breathe free..." and the Constitution granting Due Process to VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW.

Mr. President do not turn a blind eye to the inhumane treatment of these refugees

From: Zuzelle Espinosa <zem@gateway.net> on 06/29/99 11:58 PM GMT

To: President@gateway
cc:
Subject: IMMIGRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT

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STATE-PROVINCE: FL
ZIP-CODE: 33016
COUNTRY: USA

[Message Information]

PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Foreign Affairs
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen
SUBJECT: IMMIGRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT

[Message]

Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to express my disagreement with the current immigration agreement that the US has with the government of Cuba. I have supported many other steps that your administration has taken to ease the pain of millions of cubans who never thought they would see their family members in the US again. I think it is great that you are making it easier for cubans in this country to visit the island. What I do not agree with is the return to Cuba of natives who are intercepted on the water before reaching our shores. The ones that are coming only to ask for freedom. I believe this country was founded by immigrants and today in Miami Beach, FL basic human rights were violated. I ask you to please reconsider this policy. I am Cuban, born on the island, came legally to the US with my mother in 1983 when I was only 11 years old and have loved this country ever since. I think the US is still the greatest country in the

world but I also believe that through the years it has lost a lot of the values our Founding Fathers built it on. I hope you or someone close to you reads this and perhaps that will allow me to make a difference. Thanks for listening to your people.

Sincerely,

Zuzelle Espinosa
Hialeah Gdns, FL