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CARBON_COPY Avery, Dale R. (INTERAM)
Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)
Shannon, Thomas A. (INTERAM)
Snowden, Deniz (INTERAM)
Valenzuela, Arturo A. (INTERAM)
Allen, Charles A. (LEGAL)
Baker, James E. (LEGAL)
DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Hunerwadel, Joan S. (LEGAL)
Krass, Caroline D. (LEGAL)
Burrell, Christina L. (LEGIS)
Lackey, Miles M. (LEGIS)
Shapiro, Daniel B. (LEGIS)
Tavlarides, Mark J. (LEGIS)
Busby, Scott W. (MULTI)
Feldman, Daniel F. (MULTI)
Guarnieri, Valerie N. (MULTI)
Kale, Dora A. (MULTI)
McClean, Matthew K. (MULTI)
Naplan, Steven J. (MULTI)
Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
Stromseth, Jane E. (MULTI)
Vaccaro, Jonathan M. (Matt) (MULTI)

TEXT_BODY

Attached is press guidance on Cuban boy. It incorporates revised

State guidance just received.

thanks -- WLP

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT Cuban Boy.doc

Cuban Boy
January 4, 2000

Context: The Washington Post contains a front-page story today that claims that INS is very near a decision to return Elian Gonzalez to his father in Cuba. The article quotes an anonymous U.S. official as saying that the U.S. officials have asked the Government of Cuba to allow the father to travel to the United States to pick up the child. According to the U.S. official, Cuba responded that it would take the request "under advisement." The article states that both Castro and the child's father have previously rejected the idea of the father traveling to Miami to pick up the child.

Can you confirm today's Washington Post article story that the United States is planning to return Elian Gonzalez to Cuba?

* The INS has not yet made its final decision in this matter. However, INS is moving as quickly as possible toward a decision in the case.

Is a decision on Elian Gonzalez imminent?

* INS is moving as quickly as possible toward a decision in the case.

Has the father agreed to come to the United States to pick him up/has Castro agreed to let him come?

* No decision has been made in the case at this time, so it would be premature to speculate about any decisions the father or the Cuban government might make.

* Mr. Gonzalez has been advised that the United States would facilitate his traveling to the United States if he wished to do so. It is not necessary

that
he travel to the United States with regard to the resolution of his son's
case,
but it could be helpful. The Cuban government would have to issue
him the
necessary travel documents to make such a trip.

What do you make of the comments by the National Council of
Churches' Joan Brown
Campbell urging the boy to be returned?

* The Reverend Campbell is in Cuba as a private citizen. Her
meetings and
comments-however, well intentioned-will have no bearing on the case
before the
INS. This is a decision for INS. INS is moving as quickly as possible
toward a
decision in this case.

* We have no comment on the views of others as to how this case
should be
decided. This is an INS matter and INS will make the decision.

Are U.S. officials afraid of the reaction of the Cuban American
community as
stated in the Post article?

* This is unfair to both the Cuban-American community and to the
U.S. government.
As the President has said, we are working to shield this case from
political
pressure so that INS may proceed with its process of making a
decision in a
deliberate and considered manner.

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TO DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)

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I will hold off. The call at 2:30 is fine. I left a message for Scott asking about how best to keep State in the loop. I'm off to in processing meeting with the Sit Room. I'll call you back after that (around 12:30).

thanks -- WLP

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

From: DeRosa,
Mary B. (LEGAL)
Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2000 11:52 AM
To: Patten,
Wendy L. (MULTI)
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Wendy

-- can you hold off on the call to Cathy Denis until after our 2:30 call with James/INS (I left yo a voicemail)? Thanks.

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Cc: @PRESS - Public Affairs
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Saunders, Richard M. (VP)
Beardsley, Tyler S. (VP)

CARBON_COPY Dennett, Todd H.
Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)

TEXT_BODY

thanks...standing by

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From: Gobush,
Matthew N. (PRESS)
Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2000 5:43 PM
To: Orfini,
Michael H. (VP); Saunders, Richard M. (VP); Beardsley, Tyler S.
(VP)
Cc: Dennett, Todd H.; Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
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By MM NARA, Date 9/16/16
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NSC working press guidance
for 2 PM INS announcement tomorrow. Will send guidance to VP via
Mil Aide first thing tomorrow morning. Decision will be to send boy
back to Cuba.

NSC Press (Matt and Wendy)...as discussed pls email
us the guidance when ready.

thanks

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From: Patten,
Wendy L. (MULTI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2000 5:18 PM
To: Orfini,
Michael H. (VP)
Subject: FW: Update on Elian Gonzalez [CONFIDENTIAL]

Mike,

here
is the email. Please note that it is a very close hold. thanks
-- WLP

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From: Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)

Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2000 4:15 PM
To: Crocker, Bathsheba
N. (NSA)
Subject: RE: Update on Elian Gonzalez [CONFIDENTIAL]

thanks.

I apologize for the sloppiness of the note. I am still learning
how to use this system on this my second day at NSC. It's much more
of a recitation of my notes and much less of a thoughtful summary
than I would have liked.

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thanks

-- fyi, you should send emails for Jim to @nsa (or @apnsa) to make
sure he gets them. If it's something very sensitive and you know

I'm here, it's ok to send to me only, but it's safer to send to everyone in case I'm not around to print something.

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Wendy L. (MULTI)
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FOR
Jim

I spoke with State and Justice/INS today to be briefed on their plans for rolling out their decision in the Elian Gonzalez case. INS plans to announce their decision tomorrow at a 2:00 press conference and has developed the following strategy for informing all necessary persons and groups:

First Contact: The Parties
(11am)

The first contacts will be to the father, the family in Miami, and the lawyers working with the family. These contacts will occur at 11am. Letters are being prepared to these parties that set forth the INS decision and the basis of that decision. INS expects that the father will be informed via phone call from the INS officer at the Interests Section in Havana and then will be given the letter.

Notification
of GOC (11:15)

After notifying the parties, State will deliver a dip note to the GOC both here and in Havana. The note, which is being drafted today, is based on the draft INS statement.

Outreach
to Hill, Groups (11:15 - 2:00)

After notifying the parties, the INS will conduct outreach to the Hill, community groups in Miami, church organizations, the Florida Governor's Office, and the Miami area mayors.

Hill outreach includes: the Florida delegation, House and Senate Judiciary Committees, House and Senate Foreign Relations Committees, House and Senate leadership, and other interested members of whom INS is aware. INS would be happy to receive the names of

any additional members that we might wish to suggest.

INS has
a list of community groups in Miami that was prepared by a State
staff person in Miami. Again, INS would welcome additions.

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CLASSIFICATION ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
CLASSIFICATIONREASON 1.5(d)
DATECLASSIFIEDON 01/03/2000
DECLASSIFYON 01/03/2010
SUBJECT FW: Update on Elian Gonzalez [~~CONFIDENTIAL~~]
TO Valenzuela, Arturo A. (INTERAM)

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TEXT_BODY

FYI..

Wendy left a detailed voice mail that Jim S. had told her to get the email up asap without coordination with the rest of us. This is what she forwarded. I am still uncomfortable with the lack of detail on their plans.

All Things Considered (NPR) just had a detailed story on Elian and his "eminent" return. It repeated the Miami community threat to do a human chain around the house to prevent Elian's departure.

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Wendy L. (MULTI)
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To: DeRosa,
Mary B. (LEGAL); Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM); Gobush, Matthew N. (PRESS)
Cc: Vaccaro, Jonathan M. (Matt) (MULTI)
Subject: FW:
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hi -- as per my voicemail to each of you, Jim S. told me to sent this note up right away, so I had to sent it before I was really finished and before any of you could get a read on it. Sorry.

DECLASSIFIED E.O. 13526
White House Guidelines,
September 11, 2006

By M' NARA, Date 9/14/16
2012-03385

Mary and I spoke to Justice again on Arturo's question re: what's the plan for carrying out the decision if the family in Miami is not willing to cooperate. Justice assured

us they that have given this much thought and do have a plan which is a close hold. INS would prefer to enforce the decision through legal action to avoid the spectre of a difficult interaction at the family's home.

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per

Mary CNN's website reports that GOC is will not object to issuing an exit permit to the dad if he decides he wants one. While typing this message I just caught the latter part of CNN on the tube, saying that they will be talking about Elian at 7:30 tonight.

Caryn,

can you let Arturo know that above? (I came by and called but he is not available).

thanks -- WLP

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(11am)

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Notification
of GOC (11:15)

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Matt -- any word on whether the press conference has been moved up to 12:30? IF it stays at 1, and Lockhart is at 1, then does the PG for Lockhart track the Commissioner's statement and Q&A?

thanks
-- WLP

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Thanks.

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Cuban Boy
January 5, 2000

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Both yesterday and today's Washington Post report that INS is very near a decision to return Elian Gonzalez to his father in Cuba. CNN reports this morning that INS has made a decision and will announce it today at 11:00 a.m.

What did the INS decide today in the Elian Gonzalez case?

* The Immigration and Naturalization Service announced its decision today at noon. INS determined that Elian's father, Juan Gonzalez, has sole authority to speak on his son's behalf regarding his immigration status in this case. Mr. Gonzalez has asked that his son be returned to Cuba.

Has the family been informed of the decision?

* INS informed the child's father and his relatives in Miami of its decision.

Has the father agreed to come to the United States to pick him up/has Castro agreed to let him come?

* Mr. Gonzalez has been advised that the United States would facilitate his traveling to the United States if he wished to do so. It is not necessary that he travel to the United States with regard to the resolution of his son's case, but it could be helpful. The Cuban government would have to issue him the necessary travel documents to make such a trip.

Has the father applied for a visa to come to the United States?

* The State Department can answer questions about that.

Why did it take so long to make a decision in this case?

* This was a complex and unusual case. INS tried to reach a decision as quickly as possible but it was important that it take the time necessary to gather all the relevant information and review all the facts.

Who had the final word in this decision? Was the White House involved?

* This was an INS decision made in consultation with the Justice Department, including the Attorney General. The White House was advised of the decision, but did not play any role in the ultimate decision in the case.

How will the boy's return to Cuba be handled?

* This is an INS issue and I refer you to them for details.

Isn't it wrong to send a child back to live in a country that is a communist dictatorship?

* INS tried very hard not to politicize this issue. We are aware that this is a

very emotional one for many people, but INS' decision is based on the facts and the law. This is about a father who has a legal right to speak for his child regarding his immigration status, and who has said he would like his child returned to him.

How do you know the father was speaking for himself and not for Castro?

* INS took steps to ensure that Mr. Gonzalez was expressing his opinions freely. INS is confident that he was expressing his true wishes and was doing so of his own accord.

Did the INS and the U.S. bow to pressure from Cuba?

* Absolutely not. INS made this decision solely based on the facts and the law.

Are U.S. officials concerned about the reaction of the Cuban American community in Miami?

* This question is unfair to both the Cuban-American community and to the U.S. government. As the President has said, we have attempted to shield this case from political pressure and our hope remains that the decision can be carried out without interference from any quarter.

* We understand that for many this is an emotional issue, but it is our hope that the Miami community will remain peaceful in order to allow the legal process to work its course in this matter.

[IF ASKED] What do you make of the comments by the National Council of Churches' Joan Brown Campbell urging the boy to be returned?

* The Reverend Campbell is in Cuba as a private citizen. Her meetings and comments-however well intentioned- have no bearing on INS' decision in this matter.

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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 01/05/2000 4:10:55 PM

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David:

Think Joe's comments were appropriate. INS did apply law.
There may be appeals on other grounds-- or differing interpretations.
But, INS did apply the law. Joe could not have said anything differently.

On the broader guidance I would be cautious. Correct to find guidance that will lambaste Cuba regime-- but careful not to calibrate the levels of human suffering and placing a value judgment on what is worse (denial of democracy or loss of a mother.) You might want to say something like "the backdrop of the tragedy is....." rather than "even more wrenching" or "larger tragedy."

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SUBJECT RE: Elian Gonzales [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Leavy, David C. (PRESS)
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Mine was just a suggestion; nothing is pending as far as I know. I do appreciate your views and understand the point about politicizing, but that seems to me most relevant to the dispute while it is ongoing. (My subsequent message questioned the appropriateness of Joe's comment now that the INS decision was correct, since the case was likely headed for court.) Once this is resolved and the boy goes home, it seems strange for the President to have no views about this tragedy in its larger context. At that point, as we take a big hit, I think we should consider a response.

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David C. (PRESS)
Sent: Wednesday, January 05, 2000 4:28 PM
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@INTERAM - Inter-American; @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian
Affairs; @SPEECH - NSC Speechwriters; @LEGAL - Legal Advisor
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no..i agree...would overly politicize...

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I agree with Wendy. Litigation that is going to be filed is likely to focus on the fact that Elian did not receive a hearing on the request for asylum made on his behalf. Any statement of this kind right now would be used against INS.

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Thanks. Also concur with those who say we should stay away from statements that can further inflame delicate situation.

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From: Halperin, David E. (SPCHW)

Sent: Wednesday,

January 05, 2000 4:46 PM

To: Valenzuela, Arturo A. (INTERAM); @PRESS

- Public Affairs; @INTERAM - Inter-American; @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs; @SPEECH - NSC Speechwriters; @LEGAL - Legal Advisor

Subject: RE: Elian Gonzales [UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks, Arturo.

Joe

said POTUS believes the INS "are correctly interpreting the law as written." I think that's more than saying they followed the proper procedure or invoked the proper standards.

Agree with your views on substance of my "politicized" comments, but as you've seen others are unwilling to go there.

I'll bow out now!

-----Original

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From: Valenzuela, Arturo A. (INTERAM)

Sent: Wednesday,

January 05, 2000 4:11 PM

To: Halperin, David E. (SPCHW); @PRESS

- Public Affairs; @INTERAM - Inter-American; @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs; @SPEECH - NSC Speechwriters

Subject: RE:

Elian Gonzales [UNCLASSIFIED]

David:

Think Joe's comments were appropriate. INS did apply law. There may be appeals on other grounds-- or differing interpretations. But, INS did apply the law. Joe could not have said anything differently.

On the broader guidance I would be cautious. Correct to find guidance that will lambaste Cuba regime-- but careful not to calibrate the levels of human suffering and placing a value judgment on what is worse (denial of democracy or loss of a mother.) You might want to say something like "the

backdrop of the tragedy is....." rather than "even more wrenching" or "larger tragedy."

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David E. (SPCHW)
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Speechwriters
Subject: RE: Elian Gonzales [UNCLASSIFIED]

Of course,
Joe's comment that the INS correctly interpreted the law may not
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DATE-TIME 01/06/2000 10:59:59 AM

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SUBJECT Cuban Boy [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Avery, Dale R. (INTERAM)
Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)
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final press guidance, NYT questions cleared by legal -- WLP

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January 6, 2000

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* The White House, of course, had to consider the foreign policy implications of whatever decision would be made in this case. White House officials did not seek to, nor did they, influence the outcome of this decision, which, let me reiterate, was made solely by the responsible authorities following the law and INS rules and procedures.

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SUBJECT FW: REVISED final PG on Elian Gonzelez [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Saunders, Richard M. (VP)
Beardsley, Tyler S. (VP)

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From: Patten, Wendy
L. (MULTI)

Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2000 12:14 PM

To: @INTERAM

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Legislative

Affairs; @PRESS - Public Affairs; Orfini, Michael H. (VP)

Cc: @MULTILAT

- Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs

Subject: REVISED final

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CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: update on Cuban boy [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Krass, Caroline D. (LEGAL)

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TEXT_BODY Didn't think yo were still here. See you tomorrow.

-----Original

Message-----

From: Krass, Caroline D. (LEGAL)

Sent: Thursday,

January 06, 2000 7:26 PM

To: Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)

Cc: Hunerwadel,

Joan S. (LEGAL)

Subject: FW: update on Cuban boy [UNCLASSIFIED]

Wendy

-- you might want to page Mary and read it to her over the phone.
Although it looks o.k. to me, I haven't been actively involved in
the issue.

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

From: Hunerwadel, Joan

S. (LEGAL)

Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2000 7:25 PM

To: Patten,

Wendy L. (MULTI); DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)

Cc: @LEGAL - Legal Advisor

Subject: RE:

update on Cuban boy [UNCLASSIFIED]

Wendy, Mary has departed as
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-----Original

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Sent: Thursday, January

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Cc: @LEGAL - Legal
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Subject: update on Cuban boy [UNCLASSIFIED]

Mary --
please clear so I can send this up tonight. thanks -- WLP

For
Sandy and Jim.

Since the INS announcement of its decision yesterday, attorneys for Elian's relatives in Miami have sent a letter to the Attorney General, with a copy to the Counsel to the President, asking the Attorney General to review and reverse the INS decision. They contend that Elian was denied the right to apply for asylum, which constitutes a violation of due process. The Attorney General said today that, while she would be willing to review any new information, she sees no basis for reversing the decision. The attorneys for the family intend to file an action in federal court challenging the INS decision.

There will be an interagency SVTS tomorrow to discuss planning for a trip to the U.S. by Elian's father should he decide to travel here. We will address specifics such as transportation, security, logistics, and potential third parties who could offer assistance to the family with the transfer of the child to his father.

Street
protests occurred in Miami this afternoon. The Dia de los Reyes/Three Kings Day parade is scheduled for Sunday so it may present additional opportunities for protest against the INS decision.

Wendy Patten

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 01/07/2000 10:16:20 AM
FROM Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT latest on Elian [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Gobush, Matthew N. (PRESS)

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TEXT_BODY Matt -- the family in Miami is likely to go to family court today to request that a temporary legal guardian be appointed for the child. then the guardian could pursue immigration claims for him. What about trying to find some family law experts who could speak to the primacy of the parent-child relationship under the law?

just a
thought (working on the guidance - almost done) -- WLP

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FROM Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
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SUBJECT Cuban Boy press guidance [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)

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C -- anything to add? thanks -- WLP

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January 7, 2000

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CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: Cuban Boy [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)

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TEXT_BODY yes -- INS chief spokesperson Russ Bergeron said yesterday that the dad had conveyed his request re: council of churches to INS -- WLP

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Message-----
From: Hollis, Caryn C. (INTERAM)
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07, 2000 10:32 AM
To: Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
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TO Gobush, Matthew N. (PRESS)
Hammer, Michael A. (PRESS)
Hoelzer, Jennifer I. (PRESS/INTERN)
Huff, Lindsey E. (PRESS)
Leavy, David C. (PRESS)
Thinakaran, Prabhath (PRESS/INTERN)
Wozniak, Natalie S. (PRESS)

CARBON_COPY Allen, Charles A. (LEGAL)
Baker, James E. (LEGAL)
DeRosa, Mary B. (LEGAL)
Hunerwadel, Joan S. (LEGAL)
Krass, Caroline D. (LEGAL)

TEXT_BODY Hi -- as I told Mike Hammer, Justice press is taking a low-profile approach to this meeting.

thanks -- WLP

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From: Patten,
Wendy L. (MULTI)
Sent: Friday, January 07, 2000 5:52 PM
To: @NSA
- Natl Security Advisor
Cc: @INTERAM - Inter-American; @LEGAL -
Legal Advisor; @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs;
@LEGISLAT - Legislative Affairs; @PRESS - Public Affairs
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Please pass to Jim.

Jim,

The
Attorney General will be meeting this evening with the mayors of

Miami and Dade County, Spencer Eig (one of the attorneys for Elian's relatives in Miami), and a moderate leader of the Cuban-American community in Miami. They requested the meeting and the Attorney General agreed.

Wendy

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