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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 00001130
DATE February 4, 2000

FOR: MR. ROBERT A. BRADTKE
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President William J. Clinton
FROM: Svend J. Robinsin; Durnaby-Douglas House of Commons, Canada
DATE: December 9, 1999
SUBJECT: Elian Gonzalez /US Policy

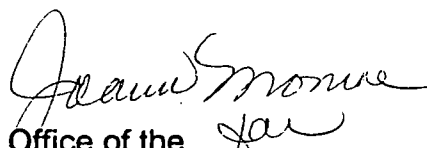
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 The attached item was sent directly to Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

 A draft reply is attached.
 A draft reply will be forwarded.
 A translation is attached.
 X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
 We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
 The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
 Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:


Office of the
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

February 4, 2000

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Your letter to President Clinton of December 9, 1999, regarding the case of six year old Elian Gonzalez was forwarded to the Office of Cuban Affairs for a reply.

We understand your concerns and appreciate your views regarding this case. As the agency responsible for protecting the interest of American citizens abroad and that shares with the Department of Justice responsibility for the administration of the immigration laws, we support INS's determination that Elian Gonzalez should be returned to his father in Cuba.

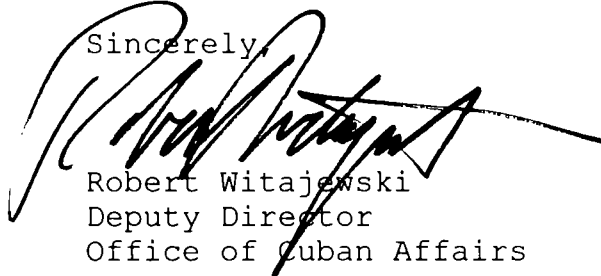
We, like Attorney General Janet Reno, believe it is imperative that all of us do what we can to resolve this case as soon as possible. Ms. Reno has allowed Elian's Miami relatives a reasonable opportunity to seek review of the INS decision in federal court and, as you know, that is precisely where the matter is currently being handled.

We appreciate your views on the embargo, an area where the United States and Canada have agreed to disagree. While the embargo is meant to pressure the Cuban Government to respect human rights and adopt fundamental reforms, at the same time we continue to provide support to the Cuban people directly through our extensive people-to-people programs. The Canadian Government too recently expressed regret at the lack of progress Cuba has made on human rights and political/economic reforms, and has begun reassessing its

The Honorable Svend J. Robinson,
Durnby-Doublas, MP,
House of Commons,
Canada.

approach toward Cuba. We have yet to see a policy approach that is more effective than ours at securing human rights and democratic change for the people of Cuba.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Witajewski', is written over the typed name and title. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'R' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert Witajewski
Deputy Director
Office of Cuban Affairs

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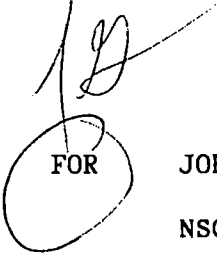
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JOHN W. FICKLIN

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PLEASE QUOTE FILE G99-6042

December 9th, 1999

President William J. Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

By fax: 202-456-2883

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing as a member of the national House of Commons in Canada since 1979, and a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. I am absolutely appalled at the position your government has taken concerning six year old Elian Gonzalez Brotons of Cardenas, Cuba. As you know, Gonzalez survived the sinking of a boat that led to the death of his mother and several other people seeking to travel illegally from Cuba to Florida. The boy is now in Florida with distant relatives, and his presence there is being blatantly exploited by reactionary elements in the Cuban ex-patriate community there, particularly the Cuban American National Foundation. His father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, and both sets of grandparents are all very close to the boy, and all of course seek his immediate return to the father's home in Cuba.

I am writing on behalf of my colleagues in the federal New Democratic Party to demand that you immediately authorize the return of this Cuban boy to his family in Cuba. The actions of your government in these circumstances are both inhumane and in clear breach of international law. This innocent young child must not be used as a pawn in your destructive policies attacking the people of Cuba. Finally, I would once again urge you to heed the overwhelming call of the community of nations, including my own country of Canada, to end your illegal and immoral blockade of Cuba.

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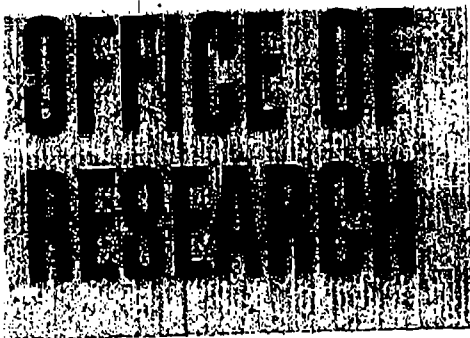
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OPINION ANALYSIS

DEPARTMENT OF STATE - WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

February 1, 2000

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Majority of Americans Approve Decision to Return Elian Gonzalez to Cuba

Two-thirds of the U.S. public approve the INS decision to send Elian Gonzales to his father in Cuba, rather than remain with relatives in the U.S. Most Americans believe this is in the boy's best interests, and – in this context – oppose the idea of the U.S. Congress granting U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status to the youth.

Majority opposes law granting U.S. citizenship to Elian – Gallup's question on this issue mentioned that "bills have been introduced in the House and Senate in Washington which grant Elian Gonzales U.S. citizenship, or give him permanent resident status." The poll found a 54-37 percent majority *oppose* "the passage of such a law by Congress."

Increased Majority Approves Elian's Return to Cuba

A Gallup poll taken last week (1/25-26) found 67 percent of the public now *approve* the "U.S. government decision" to send Elian Gonzales "back to Cuba to live with his father" (up from 56% on a January 7-10 poll). Support for the boy to "remain with relatives in the United States" has declined; 25 percent now favor this – down from 36 percent in early January.

Perceptions of Elian's best interests – Prior to asking about approval of the U.S. government's decision, Gallup asked which would be in the "best interests of the boy": "To live with his father in Cuba" (60% currently say this – up from 45% in early December) or "to remain in the U.S. to live with relatives who have requested he stay here" (33% now – down from 45% in December).

This report is based on findings from three Gallup polls: 1/25-26/00 (N=1,044), 1/7-10/00 (N=1,633), and 12/9-12/99 (N=1,037). Nineteen times out of twenty, the results based on a sample of around 1,600 will differ by no more than 3 and one-half percentage points in either direction from what would be found if it were possible to interview every adult in the country. The results based on a sample of 1,000 will differ by no more than 4 points in either direction from the real figure in the population from which the sample is drawn. This report has been prepared by Alvin Richman, Office of Research (202-619-5140), richman@exchange.USIA.gov.



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From: Gary Pages (including cover): (2)

To: ① President Clinton
② Ambassador Griffin

Message: Letter from Svend Robinson, MP

Re: CUBA

- ☐ For your information
- ☐ As per your request
- ☐ Reply requested
- ☐ Urgent reply requested
- ☐ Return requested

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Senior Analyst, U.S. Public Opinion Research
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Message:

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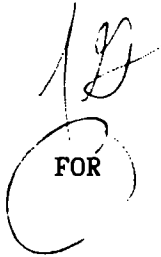
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foreign legislators to
the President,
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Thanks - Wendy _____

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NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

FROM:

Robinson, Swend

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