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*After consulting with
legal + ~~DOJ~~ Interam +
DOJ, we've decided
not to reply to the
attached. The letter was
overtaken by events in a
matter of days + there is
nothing to be gained by
responding.*

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ALEX PENELAS
Mayor

March 28, 2000

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

Dear Mr. President:

In writing this letter after having made several attempts to speak with you directly regarding Elian Gonzalez's case.

It is with the deepest respect for the laws of the United States that I make the following request: that the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) not continue to interfere with Elian Gonzalez's right to exhaust all appellate avenues available to him. Mr. President, even the most heinous of criminals is allowed to exhaust all available legal remedies. How can a six-year-old boy be denied the same right?

The Department of Justice must continue to uphold its commitment to ensure that Elian Gonzalez's due process rights are protected. However, what disturbs me is that it is this same institution that appears to be strong-arming the relatives and legal representatives of Elian Gonzalez by threatening to revoke the child's status on March 30.

Mr. President, how is it that at this time, and suddenly, the Department can be making the unreasonable threat to revoke parole unless an agreement between INS and Elian's attorneys is achieved by this Thursday? Why the rush when the relatives are complying with all that the judicial branch has requested of them? This outrageous behavior on the part of INS is perceived in our community as a gross violation of Elian's right to due process. Mr. President, we are facing the potential of unrest in Miami-Dade County.

Although I have spoken to several members of your administration on this matter, it is to you that I must communicate my community's strong feelings on this issue. For any tragic consequences resulting from this situation, Mr. President, will ultimately reflect on you and the INS, and will be seen as your responsibility.

Always, I welcome your leadership and urge your continued attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Alex Penelas
Mayor

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