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TO: ESQUIVEL, ADOLFO P
TUM, RIGOBERTA M

FROM: PRESIDENT

DOC DATE: 19 JUN 00
SOURCE REF:

KEYWORDS: HUMAN RIGHTS
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

CUBA

PERSONS: GONZALEZ, ELIAN

SUBJECT: LTR FM NOBLE PEACE PRIZE WINNER ON ELIAN GONZALES CASE

ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 29 APR 00 STATUS: C

STAFF OFFICER: PATTEN

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COMMENTS:

LTR to Nobel Peace Prize
LAUREATES

EXEC SEC OFFICE HAS DISKETTE yes

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June 14, 2000

To Exsec:

Please note that the American Embassy Buenos Aires recommends that the letter to Nobel Laureate Esquivel be sent in care of the American Embassy at the address below. This is due to the poor quality of mail service in Buenos Aires. It is also recommended that the letter be double packaged with the below address on the outer envelope and Mr. Esquivel's address on the one with the letter enclosed. The American Embassy will see that the letter gets to Mr. Esquivel.

Adolfo Perez Esquivel
c/o U.S. Embassy
Buenos Aires, Argentina
APO AA 34034

Attn: Political Section

Thanks!

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

FM BB TO RAB DATE 6/15

~~Bob,~~
I recommend you forward to MARA.

MARA:

Suggest you sign & SERB

FM _____ TO _____ DATE _____

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ID 0002671

REFERRAL

DATE: 20 JUN 00

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

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TO: ESQUIVEL, ADOLFO P

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 19 JUN 00

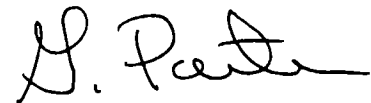
SUBJ: LTR FM NOBLE PEACE PRIZE WINNER ON ELIAN GONZALES CASE

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

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JOHN W. FICKLIN

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 19, 2000

Dear Ms. Menchu:

Thank you for your letter on the Elian Gonzalez case. I share your concern for Elian's welfare.

The plight of Elian Gonzalez has stirred the emotions of many and attracted much attention. At its core, however, this case involves a little boy who lost his mother under tragic circumstances and, as is appropriate, has now been reunited with his only surviving parent. The disposition of this case affirms the fundamental bond between a parent and child.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rigoberta Menchu Tum
Fundasion Rigoberta Menchu Tum
#1 Calle 7-45 Zona 1
Edificio Soalfa
Guatemala City, Guatemala
Central America

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Adolfo Perez Esquivel
ERPAJ Piedras 730
Buenos Aires, Argentina 1070

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 17, 2000

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signed 6/19/00ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *ask for*

SUBJECT: Letter from Nobel Peace Prize Winners on Elian Gonzalez Case

Purpose

Respond to a letter from Nobel Peace Prize Laureates Rigoberta Menchu of Guatemala and Adolfo Perez Esquivel of Argentina.

Background

The two Nobel Laureates request that you take swift action to reunite Elian Gonzalez with his father. In your reply, you express your concern for the boy's welfare and indicate that INS's action to reunite Elian and his father reaffirmed the fundamental bond between a parent and child.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached response at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Reply to Nobel Laureates
Tab B Incoming correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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NSC
SR. PRESIDENTE
DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS
WILLIAM CLINTON

De nuestra consideración:

TODOS NIÑOS TIENEN EL DERECHO DE VIVIR CON
SUS PADRES.

El caso del niño ELIAN GONZALEZ conmueve la conciencia de todos. Es por ello que, quienes suscriben la presente carta le solicitan arbitrar con urgencia para que el niño ELIAN GONZALEZ, sea reintegrado a su padre en La Habana, Cuba, y de este modo impedir que sea manipulado políticamente y retenido en Miami.

Desde el punto de vista legal es inadmisibles que lo separen de su padre y que el niño tenga que vivir situaciones de presión psicológica y moral, que afectan y dañan su vida.

Esperamos de usted una acción rápida y las garantías indispensables para la seguridad del niño, para que pueda reencontrarse con su padre a la brevedad. Todo padre tiene derecho a vivir con sus hijos.

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Reciba nuestro fraternal saludo -

RIGOBERTA MENCHU
PREMIO NOBEL de LA PAZ
1992

2 de abril del 2000 -
Año Internacional
de la Cultura de Paz

ADOLFO PEREZ ESQUIVEL
PREMIO NOBEL de LA PAZ
1980

APR 14 2000

**U.S. Department of State
Office of Language Services
Translating Division**

**LS No. 0400131
JPM/ALK
Spanish**

April 2, 2000

**Mr. William Clinton
President of the United States
Sir:**

Every child has the right to live with his or her parents.

The case of little Elian González has shaken everyone's conscience. We, the undersigned, therefore request that you intervene immediately to ensure that Elian is returned to his father in Havana, Cuba, and thus prevent him from being used as a political pawn and kept in Miami.

There is no legal justification for him to be apart from his father and subjected to harmful psychological and emotional pressure.

We expect you to act swiftly to ensure his safety so that he can be reunited with his father as soon as possible.

Every parent has the right to live with his or her child.

Yours in brotherhood,

[Signature]

**Rigoberta Menchú[jpm1]
1992 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate**

[Signature]

**Adolfo Pérez Esquivel
1980 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate**

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
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4/27/00

'00 APR 27 PC

FOR: Mr. Robert A. Bradtke
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Clinton
FROM: Rigobert Menchu
DATE: 4/2/00
SUBJECT: Regarding Elian Gonzales

WH Referral Dated: 4/18/00
NSC ID# (if any): 0002671

_____ 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.
_____ 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:

Connie Wilson
Office of the
Executive Secretary

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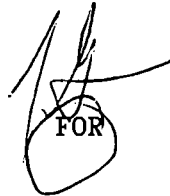
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SUBJ: LTR RE ELIAN GONZALES

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR TRANSLATION

DUE DATE: 02 MAY 00

COMMENT:



FOR

JOHN W. FICKLIN

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June 14, 2000

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL BERGER

THROUGH: ERIC SCHWARTZ *ES/WR*
FROM: WENDY PATTEN *WP*
SUBJECT: Letter from Nobel Peace Prize Winners on Elian
Gonzalez Case

Attached is a memorandum to the President and responses to a letter from Nobel Peace Prize Laureates Rigoberta Menchu and Adolfo Perez Esquivel on the Elian Gonzalez case. We held this response pending the outcome of events surrounding Elian's return to his father's care.

The NSC received the incoming correspondence on April 27, 2000.

Concurrence by: Caryn Hollis, Mary DeRosa {via email}

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached memorandum at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum for the President
Tab A Responses to Menchu and Perez Esquivel
Tab B Incoming Correspondence