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President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

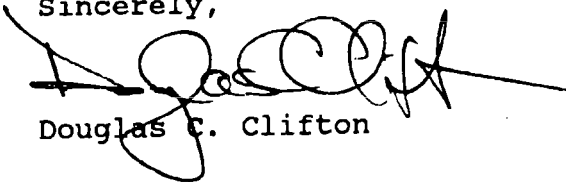
I would like to add the voice of The Miami Herald to the growing ~~chorus of voices seeking more normalized relations with Cuba~~ regarding the exchange of journalists. As you know, Cuba denies regular access to U.S. journalists and the U.S. has reciprocated over the years.

The Herald has long desired to establish a news bureau in Havana, but the respective policies of Cuba and the U.S. have stood in the way.

The Committee to Protect Journalists has recently requested that you move toward resolving this problem. We at The Herald support fully the committee's effort. The Miami Herald is unique among America's newspapers because it has the largest concentration of Cuban readers outside of Havana. It is our responsibility to provide full and fair coverage of events in Cuba. The practical impact of U.S. policy on this issue is that readers in Miami and all over America are denied regular, first-hand reporting of events in a country just 90 miles from our shores.

I trust that you will give this matter every consideration.

Sincerely,


Douglas C. Clifton

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