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I hope that the Pope's visit will serve as the catalyst for a democratic transition in Cuba, and my Administration will continue to look for ways to promote this change. I am grateful you took the time to share your thoughts on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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*"Those of us who get a chance,
and many of us will because of
the things this nation has done for us,
should and will be motivated when
the time comes to serve it well."
- Harry Hopkins*

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

21 January 1998

President
Robert Hopkins

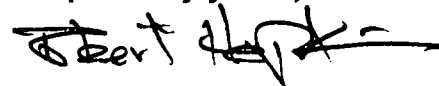
Dear Mr. President:

**The time has come at last to lift the embargo on Cuba, not
because Fidel Castro says so, or because his Holiness the Pope
says so, but because the embargo no longer serves any useful
purpose.**

**As a long-time observer of Cuban affairs, I am convinced that if
you lift the embargo, while promoting the concept of free
elections in Cuba, Castro will retire from public life, and normal
relations will resume.**

**Furthermore, the public hue and cry which has been a source of
irritation to you, will fade away by this gesture of statesmanship.**

Respectfully yours,



**Robert Hopkins
President**

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