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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

— 34K employees

— 24-gate into terminal

IN 5

New

— Bldg can handle 5K people/hr.

— But funding constraints
with Smith

— Can't make the 45 minute
deadline

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

- 110 INS agents

- Can only fund agents thru
user fees

- SFO needs an add'l.

100 agents when needed,
open in ~ Oct.

- SZ auth'd to be hired

in expectation of higher user
fees

- but takes ~ 6-8 wks. to
hire them

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

- Mike Berman*

- Bob Robin - DOT

- Delay Study

- Terrible delay problem

- Weather

- 2 runways too close together
(buff time 40s/50s)

- arrival rate goes from 60
to 30 an hour

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

- Gen Eads - Chas Brown Assoc

- Displays fall disp. on flights
from West - (b/c \$100
Control decisions)

- Record's

- See net's w/ bds of flights
use of smaller a/c,

- E.g. 39 daily arrivals from L.A.
using 737s

16 from Sacko - ~~prop~~ planes

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

^{SFO}
Rec'd a/p appeal to FIA to
require a/d to "upstage"

~~Had~~ offered mkt's
only

L.A. +

Jacks

Fress

Eureka

Mandsey

SLA - LA - They only fly
737₂

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Will make formal filing
under Part 161 (primarily
used for noise)

- United is most affected

- ATIS

- has asked FSS to flat out
deny; she's said

U. S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL

From the Office of:

JAYSON P. AHERN

Port Director (LAX)

U.S. Customs Service

11099 S. La Cienega Blvd., Suite 2201

Los Angeles, CA 90045

(310)215-2618

Fax #: (310)215-2013

DATE: 4-14-00

TO: Dorothy Robyn
White House Staff

AX#: (202) 456-2223

MESSAGE: _____



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE
LOS ANGELES, CA

APR 14 2000

AIR-5-LA:I:LAX:O
RGM

Grupo TACA
Mr. Santos Loria
Station Manager
380 World Way, Box N-14
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Dear Mr. Loria:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the Federal Inspection Service (FIS) agencies have approved your request for landing rights for flight TA 8522 arriving at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) from Havana, Cuba every Sunday at 0033 hours during the period April 15 - June 24, 2000.

Please be advised that any changes in routing, equipment, or scheduled arrival time will alter this agreement and a new written landing rights request will be required. Also, we are requesting that you notify the FIS agencies as far in advance as possible of any delays in the estimated arrival time of your flight. Please have your staff contact our Control Booth at (310) 215-2410 or our shift supervisor's office (310) 215-2418 at the Tom Bradley International Terminal (TBIT) with any updated flight arrival information.

Please contact me directly at (310) 215-2618 or Chief Inspector Arthur L. Gainer at (310) 215-2444 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jayson P. Ahern

Port Director

Los Angeles International Airport

CC: INS - LAX
USDA - LAX
Director Field Operations
South Pacific Customs Management Center
Office of Field Operations
Headquarters

Donna Gray (225-2201)
4/13/00 (225-7854)

- Customs has agreed, period
- INS " " (tentatively)

has 5 flights EW. 11 pm - midnight

- OSDN - objects on precedent

If they don't have to stay w/in the
Cong. man

When plane comes in, they have to
process them ~~w/in~~ 45 minutes

If CTS will agree

8^{am} - 4 pm
4 - midnight
noon - 10 pm

INS - IF

OSDN - you

Jason Shearn
Customs - Port Director ~~Arthur~~ Hainer 310/215-2618

WS - dep. port director
Margy Esther Johnson 310/568-7512

USDA - dir. of ops - Bradley Terminal
Lisa Shibashi 310/725-1900



Cuba Travel Services, Inc.



April 11, 2000

Mr. Jayson P. Ahern
Port Director
U.S. Customs
Los Angeles International Airport

Dear Mr. Ahern:

Over the past year Cuba Travel Services has worked tirelessly to implement the new Cuba travel guidelines that was issued by President Clinton in January 1999.

As you may know, Cuba Travel Services had contacted many airline carriers to service our flights to Havana. After discussions with Continental, American, Mexicana, Aero Mexico, ATA, United, and Tower Air, the only viable option was to contract with Grupo TACA.

On April 15, 2000, Cuba Travel Services/Grupo Taca has a flight scheduled to arrive from Havana at 00:33. It is in both of our interest to have a reasonable arrival time into LAX. In addition to the obvious labor issues, many of our passengers will need to make connecting flight to various cities on the west coast. In our efforts to negotiate a mutually reasonable flight schedule, we sent a representative to El Salvador to meet with the operations department with Grupo Taca. We have exhausted all of our resources in trying to insure an earlier arrival time. The end result is the current arrival of 00:33.

We hope you can give all consideration in allowing the 15 minute difference in arrival time of our weekly flight from Havana. Meanwhile, we will assure you we will continue to negotiate an earlier arrival time with TACA.

Thank you for your time and assistance in reviewing this matter.

Sincerely,

Joe Perez

Cc:

Inspector Brian Cahill

C T S

Cuba Travel Services, Inc.
9133 South La Cienega Blvd. Suite 150
Inglewood, California 90301
USA

FAX

To: *Corothy Robyn* From: **Michael Zuccato**
202-456-2223

Date: *4-13-00*
Number of Pages: *2*
Phone: 310.772.2822
Fax: 310.645.9460
cubatravelservice@usa.net

Remarks: *LAX Customs*

As Promised.

Michael Fuzo 3/10/772-2822
" 428-2001 (Cell)


Maria Echaveste

04/12/2000 07:14:40 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Kris M Balderston/WHO/EOP@EOP, Dorothy Robyn/OPD/EOP@EOP
cc: Marjorie Tarmey/WHO/EOP@EOP
Subject: Fwd: IMPORTANT

I just received this question re air charter to/from cuba recently set up to LA and customs issue ---Dorothy, do you know who to talk to over at treasury or Kris, will you check for me on this

----- Forwarded by Maria Echaveste/WHO/EOP on 04/12/2000 07:09 PM -----



SVREP@aol.com
04/12/2000 07:03:39 PM

Joe Johnson - 622-0200

Claire Washington 622-1354

Patty Lynch

Record Type: Record

To: Maria Echaveste/WHO/EOP
cc: WCVIntl@aol.com
Subject: Fwd: IMPORTANT

Maria:

See attached urgent e-mail from my staff. Can you intervene in dispute between customs and TACA to save the first charter flight LA-Havana? Please advise.

Antonio Gonzalez

Return-path: WCVIntl@aol.com
Date: Wed, 12 Apr 2000 15:50:05 EDT
From: WCVIntl@aol.com
Subject: IMPORTANT
To: SVREP@aol.com
Message-id: <7f.2eae837.26262d6d@aol.com>
MIME-version: 1.0
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Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT
Full-name: WCVIntl

Antonio,

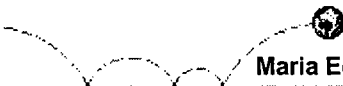
Cuba Travel Services/ TACA airlines is having a dispute with U.S. Customs about the landing time on April 22. Apparently they must land before 12:00 midnight but TACA will not be able to land till 12:15. So U.S. Customs could cancel the flight all together.

Joe's numbers
Cell 310 729-4662
Home 310-453-2428

Joe faxed this information to SVREP yesterday afternoon and I just become aware of the situation today or else I would have tried to get a hold of you earlier. As of today their has been no agreement between TACA and Customs.

Call us!!

Rebecca



Maria Echaveste

04/13/2000 09:42:30 AM

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To: Dorothy Robyn/OPD/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Fwd: IMPORTANT 

SVREP is Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project that spends some time trying to build better person to person relations with Cuba--

Cuba Travel Services

- carrier
- travel service provider
- registered w/ TSA

Jan 5, 1999 - POTUS said
- broadened

DEC '99 - NY Co / Marazul - began direct
TACA } Charter flights from Havana to JFK

CTZ - Scheduled to begin flights
from Havana to LA

Feb. 19 - "first flight"

- brought Little League
from Wash State

TACA - Central America

El Salvador \ A320s

2.
Customs reg's mostly drafted for Miami
don't make sense for LA

10-hr. round trip flight

We contacted all major airlines
before IDing TACA

original ~~departure~~ arrival time
was 11:18 pm

But El Salvador doesn't do
daylight savings time - so was
12:18

Mayrae Waters
└ Port

FIS - fed inspect
Customs
USDA
INS

Maxine

Donna Cruz
225-2201

3.

Fox News

LA Times

Sat, April 22 - dep. 3:30 pm

DEL Richardson

CTF

LA airport does ~~to~~ have all ^{inst.} flights
land by 11:00 pm

over time

They got extension til 12:18

But it's now

LA ~~A/PT~~ is not an inst. airport but a landing
rights airport ??

So

Customs Reg's
Sec 122.13 -