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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 9, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR LEON PANETTA  
HAROLD ICKES  
MARCIA HALE ✓  
DOUG SOSNIK  
JOHN ANGELL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alexis Herman', is located to the right of the list of names.

FROM: Alexis Herman  
RE: 13 Cuban Migrants

Attached is a factual statement of the events of  
the day.

Attachment

Pursuant to the Attorney General's May 2 statement, the 13 Cuban migrants attempting to enter the U.S. who were intercepted by U.S. Coast Guards were given an opportunity to speak to an officer from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). None expressed fears that would preclude their return and their pursuing any claim they might have at the U.S. Interests Section in Havana. Accordingly, they were brought to the Cuban port of Cabanas.

A delegation from the U.S. Interests Section in Havana met the Coast Guard vessel at Cabanas. They boarded the vessel to meet with the migrants prior to disembarkation. The U.S. officials explained to the Cuban migrants the migration programs administered by the Interests Section and gave them a written description of these programs as well as passes to gain admission at the Interests Section. The U.S. officials also verified biographical information necessary to monitor the treatment of the migrants after their return home.

After disembarking from the cutter, the migrants were taken to a reception center near Havana airport for further processing, including a criminal check. A U.S. Interests Section consular official will meet the migrants at the reception center and remain there until the migrants are permitted to return to their homes.

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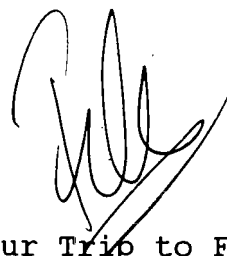
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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: THE EXECUTIVE CLERK

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE  
JOAN BAGGETT  
MARCIA HALE  
ALEXIS HERMAN



SUBJECT: Cuba and Guantanamo and Your Trip to Florida

Purpose

To bring you up to date on the situation and to seek your approval of a press strategy prior to your trip to Florida.

Background

The Cuban-American community continues to be troubled by the holding of more than 30,000 Cubans at Guantanamo and Panama. The most immediate focus of concern is the sick, the elderly, and young children. Some portions of the community are seeking to organize a demonstration during your trip to Florida along the route or at the home where the dinner will be held. It is not clear how many people will turn out. Thus far the call to demonstrate has been limited to small organizations and two radio stations; estimates range from several thousand to tens of thousands. An effort will be made to deliver a letter to you from Cuban mothers asking for compassion for the children in the camps.

Your comment at your press conference that you were looking into whether there should be any special consideration for children and other vulnerable people, has raised some expectations in Florida that you will be announcing a major new policy during your trip to Florida.

Jorge Mas Canosa has released a letter which he sent to you proposing that all of the children from Guantanamo be sent to Puerto Rico. He is getting publicity for this gesture but the Governor of Puerto Rico, who Mas says has agreed, indicates that he thought there were less than 100 children. Of course, any child taken to Puerto Rico would be free to get on a plane and go

cc: Vice President  
Chief of Staff

immediately to Miami. We are exploring this further with the governors of Puerto Rica and Florida.

There are about 2500 children in Panama and Guantanamo under the age of 15; 2000 under the age of 12. If we were to parole them into the United States we would want to bring their parents and any teenage siblings and perhaps other household members. This would probably lead to a total number of people to be paroled in at about 6000.

While the Cuban American community would applaud this move, others in Florida would be concerned about the additional influx of school age children and the fear that this would mean that all 30,000 Cubans would be coming to Florida. Governor Chiles would not object to your bringing in the children with their families if they are all fully sponsored and if the federal government made a payment to cover the increased cost to the Dade County schools. Under standard procedures Dade County would receive a formula grant which would provide an additional \$62 per child who was brought in. Neither the Department of Education nor OMB know of any precedent for providing additional funding, or any legal authority to do so.

The Cuban government could consider bringing to the U.S. all families from Guantanamo a violation of the spirit of the agreement and might retaliate by refusing to take back those who want to return to Cuba or by not being as diligent in preventing Cubans from leaving Cuba. State feels that we should not do anything on this before the resumption of the talks on October 24.

We recommend that you head off any expectation that you will be announcing a major change in policy in Miami and insure that your views are known in advance by your meeting with representatives of the Florida press here in Washington on Friday afternoon. Alternatively, the press office could issue a statement in your name which would get wide distribution in Miami.

The statement would reiterate the basic principles of Cuban policy. It would announce:

- a series of steps to improve conditions in the camps including special facilities for pregnant women and new borns, opening of mail facilities and significant improvement in meals.

- a program to parole into the United States people with chronic illness including any sick children, children in the camps without parents, and people over 70. (This would bring in several hundred people.)

-- a study of options to deal with children and their families.

RECOMMENDATION

That you meet with the Florida press on Friday afternoon, deliver a brief statement and answer a few questions.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment

Tab A Talking Points.

POINTS TO BE MADE TO FLORIDA PRESS ON  
GUANTANAMO

- Today I have ordered all children and others who are in Guantanamo and Panama who are chronically ill and cannot be treated appropriately in the camps paroled into the United States with their immediate families. We will also bring in all young children without relatives in the camp. We are examining the continuing concerns about children in the camps.
  
- We are making significant improvements in the camp including providing better food, inaugurating mail and telephone service, and improving sanitary conditions. We are releasing a fact sheet showing the time table for improvements.
  
- We all share anguish for the Cubans in the camps, but the real issue is how my administration and the Cuban-American community can persuade the world of the need for genuine political and economic change in Cuba. We also need to develop an effective strategy to bring about a rapid peaceful movement to democracy in Cuba.



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