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Talking Points for Miami Trip 8/18

- o To divert the Cuban people from seeking democratic change, and to avoid taking responsibility for the Cuban people's desperation, the government of Cuba has resorted to the unconscionable tactic of encouraging people to risk their lives by leaving in flimsy vessels through the treacherous waters of the Florida straits.
- o The danger of Castro's threat of another Mariel has been lessened considerably by Cuban-Americans' refusal to be manipulated. They don't want another Mariel and have refused to take the bait of Castro's invitation to pick up relatives.
- o Working together, federal, state and local officials have denied Castro one of his primary objectives -- to create a sense of panic in Florida.
- o It is important that we not allow Castro to distract attention from the desperate situation in Cuba by characterizing the current exodus as "an immigration issue."
- o This is a desperate attempt to salvage a communist regime that is sinking, as others have, under the weight of its own rigidity and repression. The solution to Cuba's problems lies not in changing U.S. policies, but in rapid, fundamental and far-reaching political and economic reform in Cuba.
- o To ensure orderly processing of Cuban rafters, the INS has reassigned 86 agents to Key West, and the Community Relations Service is increasing personnel to assist with resettlement. State of Florida and local officials, the United States Catholic Conference Migration Service and Church World Service are also providing assistance in this effort.
- o Of those Cuban refugees who have arrived, about 90% have been resettled with relatives -- 75% in Florida and 15% in other states. The remaining 10% with no U.S. relatives are being resettled outside of Florida.
- o An immigration emergency does not currently exist, but the situation is being closely monitored. If conditions worsen considerably, the Attorney General will recommend a presidential declaration of emergency in order to make available additional federal assistance.
- o The matter of the ferry hijacking is under investigation and the suspect is being detained. A decision regarding prosecution will be made in due course. Any criminal activities involving the transport of undocumented aliens into the United States will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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Editorial by Tomas Garcia Fuste
CMQ
August 25, 1994

Friends, this is a crucial moment for Cuba in a decisive moment maybe because, for the first time in many years, there is a confrontation between the Cuban regime and the U.S. government which could break the Cuban dictatorship.

And while the modern war drums of radio and television thunder between the two countries, we are hearing certain allegations here in Miami that we have to criticize strongly because the Cuban exile cannot keep making mistake after mistake, because the Cuban exile has to become a hegemonic part of whatever happens between the U.S. government and the Cuban dictatorship, an action in Cuba to get Castro out of the island has to have our participation, that of the Cubans of Miami.

But that participation cannot be making demonstrations against the government of the United States, that participation cannot be with elected political figures who want to turn this crisis into a problem of Democrats and Republicans, that participation cannot be limited to paralyzing Miami and damaging its tourism and its economy, a city which has been so generous with us and which in fact we run ourselves. If anything is going to be paralyzed, it must be the Havana Cuba, but never Miami, this city has been too generous with Cubans to do what some loudmouths want to do, taking advantage of this crisis to stand on it and keep living a good life. I feel sorry that we Cubans are shouting in the air in the radio stations, we are ready to go fight in Cuba, and those are the same ones that have collected hundreds of thousands of dollars recently to make war in Cuba and have not fired a single shot, have not done a single deed and now those same ones want to paralyze Miami when what they should do is give back the money to the people of Miami. Money that the Cubans gave generously for a war in which not a single shot has been fired and now they want to paralyze Miami and they say that Clinton has not kept his promise to Cuba.

And what about you, and you who collected hundreds of thousands of dollars and promised on the stand to the people who gave the money, that it was to liberate Cuba... with what nerve you say now that Clinton wouldn't let you out, that North Americans are responsible for everything only because they have the law of neutrality.

Of course we have to worry about what is going to happen to the refugees who are in Krome, in Guantanamo and in the waters of the strait, we are not going to abandon them but don't use them as an excuse to hide your own failures, the lies that you have been telling the Cubans all these years, enough with using the Cuban cause to make politics and politico-talk, enough of the

politicians who, when they are in power and can do something for the people, have given us taxes and more taxes and now declarations against Clinton, not Castro, are pouring, against the Department of State, against the United States, and we hardly hear anyone name the Cuban communists, the real culprits of what is happening to us Cubans.

There are too many dead in the strait of Florida, there are too many prisoners in Cuba, there is too much pain to make cheap politico-talk with the Cuban cause.

And lastly, we do not agree with the idea of turning a funeral into a political act, I think that we must all attend Mr. Busot's funeral but with the respect that the dead and his family deserve, without signs, without political stands, without untruthful speeches, a funeral is a funeral and a political gathering for the Metro Dade elections is something else.

One must be decent.

August 18, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR JOAN BAGGETT

FROM: Joe Velasquez

SUBJECT: Cuba

Every successful politician in Florida, Democrat and Republican alike, gets 60 to 70 percent of the Cuban vote. Democratic Presidents don't. We have an opportunity to lock in the Cuban vote - if we handle this right.

Our key point must be that the President is doing well with the Cuban voters -- we shouldn't screw this up. Convert this problem into a positive. It's an opportunity to build up the President even more and maybe lock in the Cuban vote.

Keep in mind this is very important to Gov. Chiles. We need to make sure we are responsive to him to the extent possible without damaging the President.

These are some simplified points on the Cuba issue.

- Increase the U.S. Naval presence in the Florida straits and around other U.S. territories.
- Don't return any Cuban vessels impounded in U.S. territorial waters.
- Prosecute all Americans who illegally pick up Cuban refugees.
- Prosecute all Cubans who hijack vessels or commit other criminal acts to reach the United States.
- Investigate all possible violations of U.S. laws with regard to the procurement of illegal visas to exit Cuba.
- Increase the number of legal visas by 1,000 (with strict immigration guidelines).
- Continue the bi-lateral immigration talks between the U.S. and Cuba.

xxx Get the UN to make a humanitarian statement -- Castro is causing genocide

Operator #4

Conference Call
8:00pm
Sunday, September 11, 1994
Directed by Mort Halperin, National Security Council

Please call at 8:00pm:

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MEMORANDUM TO: Alexis Herman
Steve Hilton

FROM: Suzanna Valdez

RE: 11:00 AM Principal's Meeting

DATE: August 18, 1994

We are at the point now where we need to determine, using the information available to us, where we go from here. What we first need to do is have a constructive discourse with the Governor to establish what his needs are. Then we should base our strategy upon the following two criterias: 1) what our foreign policy goals are in relation to Cuba (from State Department), 2) The Florida political atmosphere.

With regards to politics, in the '92 elections we must remember we lost Florida by 2 points, (Clinton 38, Bush 41). Second, for the survival of the Governor in '94 and winning Florida in '96, we must present tough measures.

This massive influx of Cuban refugees is as large an event to Florida as the California earthquake. What we must do is treat this massive immigration as we would treat a major natural disaster. The President, during the '92 campaign, recieved high praise after the hurricane that hit Southern Florida, and we need to have the same positive feedback occur from this now. What we need to do is call in a special coordinator just as Bush did for the hurricane. We do not want George Bush in Florida comparing President Clinton to former President Carter, drawing parallels to their ineffectiveness.

Initially, before the current situation, the Preseident recieved positive media exposure, as articles in both Spanish and English language newspapers portrayed the President as standing up to Castro, and taking a hard line on the subject. We are wasting the positive exposure by the local media by remaining complacent. The South Florida community should percieve that the President is in charge of the situation. We must act as soon as possible, as each day passes, our task only gets harder, the community only losses more faith in the President, anti-immigrant sentiments run higher, and more Cubans flee to Florida.

- o Discussions have been held with officials of Florida and other states regarding disbursements from the immigration emergency fund. All applications for such funds will be considered.
- o We encourage legal migration from Cuba, but are impeded by many factors, including the limited personnel we are permitted by the Cuban Government in the U.S. Interests Section in Havana. In any event, illegal migration, from Cuba is principally caused by political repression and conditions of extreme poverty. It would occur even without preferences such as the Cuban Adjustment Act. The only long term solution is the implementation of profound democratic and economic reforms in Cuba.

Emergency Measures for Cuba Immigration Situation

President Clinton's initial position to the Cuban threat of unleashing another massive exodus has been well received by both media and the residents of the State of Florida (including the Cuban-American community in South Florida)

In order to keep this momentum and not be perceived as equivocating on this potential crisis situation, it is imperative that a number of emergency measures be taken to reiterate that we take these threats seriously and any such actions would endanger our sovereignty and national interest.

A set of recommended emergency measures are included. These should be reviewed by the Deputy's Committee and the National Security Council. If approved, this will underline a coordinated approach throughout the United States Government with President Clinton's Administration in taking swift and decisive action to avert a potential crisis.

The presentation of these measures should be done immediately via a press conference. Radio Marti can play a very important role in the dissemination of this information inside of Cuba to continue to discourage illegal migration. This press conference should be held in Washington D.C. to convey the commitment of the highest levels of the administration. The conference should be held at the State Department and be attended by the Deputies of DOD, DOJ, DCS, US Coast Guard and Governor Lawton Chiles.

Soon after the initial announcement, Governor Chiles could hold another press conference for the Florida media. This should be attended by Florida's legislative delegation and other community leaders from South Florida. A bi-partisan, multi-ethnic group should include, Mayor Steve Clark, Commissioner Arthur Teele, District Attorney Kathy Fernandez Rundel, Monsignor Walsh, Jorge Mas Canosa, Andres Varga-Gomez and Roberto Rodriguez-Aragon.

NOTE: THESE RECOMMENDATIONS MUST BE RELEASED WITHIN THE APPROPRIATE POLITICAL CONTEXT. AT THE OPENING OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESPERSON MUST CLARIFY THAT THESE ARE EMERGENCY MEASURES AND DO NOT CONSTITUTE A CHANGE OF POLICY TOWARDS CUBA ON THE PART OF THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION.

The following recommendations present a minimum of political risk while at the same time sending a strong message against allowing Fidel Castro to wreak havoc in our borders and violate international laws.

1. Effective immediately, the presence of United States naval assets will be substantially increased in the Florida straits as well as around other U.S. territories.

2. Effective immediately, we will not be returning to Cuba any vessels or maritime transportation that are impounded in U.S. territorial waters. Air transportation will be returned as in the past.

3. Effective immediately we will detain, investigate and if warranted, charge and prosecute all American citizens/residents that take to the sea to pick up Cuban citizens anywhere in international or Cuban waters with the intent to bring them to the United States illegally. The vessels will be impounded and DOJ will seek the strongest punishment allowed by our laws.

4. Effective immediately we will detain, investigate and if warranted charge and prosecute any Cuban citizens that are involved in the hijacking (the taking of innocent people against their will) of any maritime or air transportation with intent to reach the United States mainland or any of its territories. The mode of transportation will be impounded. This will also apply to any Cuban citizens involved in the use of violent criminal actions in an attempt to escape Cuba and reach the United States.

5. Effective immediately, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida will undertake a criminal investigation of possible violations of United States laws in the procurement of illegal visas to exit Cuba. It will include the entrance of aliens to the United States through smuggling networks. All accomplices in the violation of Federal Laws will be investigated and if warranted, detained, charged and prosecuted. DOJ will seek the strongest punishment allowed by our laws.

6. The Attorney General will immediately exercise her authority to increase the legal visas to the United States by 1,000 provided that the applicants fit our strict Immigration guidelines.

7. The Bi-literal immigration talks between the Governments of Cuba and the United States will continue. These talks were initiated in 1984 in order to process and implement the deportation of Mariel criminal detainees that had been deemed a threat to our communities. There are currently over 3,000 of such detainees in federal jails at a cost of over 100 million dollars a year.

Clarification of recommended emergency measures

1. Increase presence of naval security - although it has already been announced that we have increased security, we must include specific numbers or be ready to increase by an identified amount the coastal security effort. The current situation is seen as a national security threat. Although the arrival of large numbers

of refugees to our shores does not constitute in and of itself a threat to national security, the premeditation of a foreign government to dump its citizens into the U.S., with an intent to de-stabilize and disrupt our national interest, constitute an act of aggression. Therefore, we must reassure the citizens of the United States, and in this particular case, moreover, the citizens of Florida, that the US government will not allow the governments of foreign countries to disrupt the sovereignty of our country.

2. Do not return Cuban vessels - the history of this particular issue stems from the fact that pictures taken by our intelligence show a large number of old fishing vessels ready to take to the seas. In fact, some of these were even used during the Mariel boatlift. Our current policy is to contact the Cuban government immediately after such vessels dock in U.S. ports and return them to Cuban authorities. Keeping these vessels impounded would incite the Cuban government to increase the patrolling of their coast. The loss of even a few of these vessels would result in further straining of an old and dilapidated Cuban fishing fleet.

3. Detain and prosecute american citizens/residents that leave the US to pick up people in Cuba - there has been a very positive reaction in the Cuban American community in the state of Florida about this intention. Consequently, there has only been one incident of this nature. We must continue to explain that these are violations of U.S. laws and extort law abiding citizens to uphold them. There has not been any criticism of this measure.

4. Detain and prosecute hijackers or people who use criminal violence to escape Cuba - although there might be opposition to this measure from a very small vocal group of current supporters of belligerence towards Cuba, the majority of the Cuban American community would support this measure, if given within the larger context of averting an immediate massive refugee influx. It is important to stress at every step of the way that this is an emergency measure fitting within established laws of the U.S; and not a hastily decided change in policy. There is a precedent against Cuban nationals on this issue. Until now, such cases have been isolated incidents and not an everyday occurrence.

5. Investigating purchase of illegal visas in the US - during the past 5 years the incidents of purchasing illegal visas in the U.S. to exit Cuba has increased as rapidly as the numbers of rafters. During the previous administration there was a reluctance to raise this issue for fear of political backlash in the Cuban American community. However, that same community has been increasingly critical of such undertakings. It is believed in the Cuban American community that the going price for a family of 5 is 30,000 dollars; a large part of which is paid to corrupt Cuban officials for issuance of visas.

These Cuban citizens are then given tourist visas to travel to countries such as the Dominican Republic and Mexico. Immediately after their arrival, they are either transported across the border, (Mexico) or taken by boat to Puerto Rico (Dominican Republic).

6. Increasing legal visas - the Attorney General has the authority to issue up to 3,000 visas for humanitarian reasons. One of Castro's claims for encouraging Cubans to leave en masse is the inability of the U.S. Interest Section to process enough visas as stipulated in their 1984 bilateral immigration agreement. Although there might be some opposition in the Cuban American community to this measure, (some will criticize this as a capitulation to Castro's demands) this measure could be reinforced by clarifying that this is part of a 1984 agreement to force Cuba to accept the Mariel criminals currently detained in U.S. federal prisons. The immigration guidelines will be clear and strictly adhered to. This will ensure that only those who are acceptable to the U.S. will be allowed to enter. An intense effort could be undertaken with voluntary agencies and NGO's to resettle these visa recipients outside the state of Florida.

7. CONTINUE IMMIGRATION TALKS - the points made must be stressed. These bilateral immigration talks have been ongoing since 1984 with only two interruptions. The last such meetings took place in Havana in October 1993. This continuation does not constitute the renegotiation of any agreement, but simply ongoing efforts to return criminal aliens, currently held in U.S. prisons to pressure the Cuban government into refraining from using immigration threats to force a change in U.S. policy towards the government of Castro.

** We should encourage Gov. Chiles and all the agencies involved to recommend other emergency measures that could be included without compromising plan B should a massive exodus occur. All agencies that would participate in this press conference must coordinate and develop a list of talking points to ensure that the administration's message and policy are articulated in a clear and consistent language.

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3. Paul Cejas -- Chair of Gov.'s Free Cuba Commission, Businessman
4. Jorge Mas Canosa -- Chair of Cuban Democratic Foundation ✓
5. Herminio San Roman -- Lawyer, Democratic Activist
6. Lawton Chiles -- Governor of Florida ✓
7. Luis Laredo -- Summit Chief of Staff ✓
8. ~~Rafael Penarven~~ -- Cuban Community Activist, Civic Leader ✓
- 9. ~~Luisa Garcia Toledo~~ -- Former Cuban Prisoner ✓
10. ~~Julio Estorino~~ -- Former President of Cuban Municipalities in Exile ✓
11. Art Teele -- Chairman of Dade County ✓
12. Marlyn Holifield -- Lawyer, Activist, Co-Chair of Summit of the Americas (Cody)
13. ~~Guarione Diaz~~ -- President of Cuban American Council
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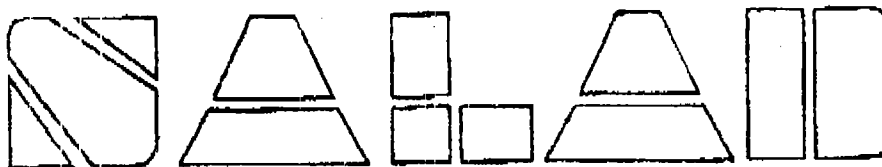
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BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY OF GUARIONE M. DIAZ

Mr. Diaz was born in Havana, Cuba and is currently a resident of Dade County, Florida. He holds a Masters Degree from Columbia University and a B.A. in Sociology from St. Francis College, in New York City.

At present, Guarione M. Diaz is President and Executive Director of the Cuban American National Council, a private nonprofit organization involved since 1972 in policy analysis, education, and community development. The Cuban American National Council is based in Dade County and is governed by a Board of Directors elected annually.

Mr. Diaz's responsibilities at the Council include the setting of operational policy, direction and administration of agency programs, and participation in national activities affecting Cubans, Hispanics, and other minorities.

Before establishing residence in Miami, Mr. Diaz held management positions at New York City's Department of Employment, and the Community Development Agency.

Since his relocation in the Greater Miami area in 1978, Mr. Diaz has been actively involved in various aspects of community work and community organizations. He has served on the board of directors of Children Have All Rights; Legal, Educational, Emotional (CHARLEE); Hispanic Policy Development Project; Advisory Committee on the Education of Blacks in Florida; Instructional Oversight Committee of Dade County Public Schools; Fair Campaign Practices Committee; National Association for the Hispanic Elderly; National Council of La Raza; and the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda. He was recently appointed to the Florida Commission on Education Reform and Accountability and the National Hispana Leadership Institute.

In the last decade, Mr. Diaz authored over twenty-two research and policy papers, and wrote over fifty articles for newspapers and magazines.

In 1989, he was given the "Hispanic of the Year" Award, Metro Dade Police Department, Hispanic Police Association; in 1983. His name has appeared in the Miami Herald's Tropic Magazine article "Cuban Power: The Ranking," and Hispanic Business magazine named him among "100 Influentials and Their Critical Issues Agenda for the 80's." He has appeared as well in "Who's Who Among Hispanic Americans", and "Who's Who in Florida's Latin Community."

In 1992, Mr. Diaz received the "Hispanic Hero of the Year" award from the Midwest/Northeast Voter Registration Project.

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National Hispanic Leadership Conference	Member; Planning Committee
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II. ERODE THE "ATTRACTION" OF COMING TO U.S.A.:

too soft

A. Unsafe seas/passage - Loss of lives

B. Detain those who arrive

C. Transfer arrivals to 3rd countries for processing:

1. Guantanamo Base
2. Panama Canal Zone

III. CONGRATULATE CUBAN-AMERICAN EXILE COMMUNITY OF MIAMI FOR MATURITY AND RESTRAINT SHOWN DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

A. "Do not allow Castro to use us"

B. "Cuba does not need a mass exodus. It needs an exodus of one: Fidel Castro."

A country, a people, divided by one man.

C. Solution is not exodus, but Cuba's return to democracy and economic reconstruction. Join the family of Hemispheric democracy.

- Cont. -

make difference
imply. lawcongratulate
citizens
+ elec. off S. Florida

MEMORANDUM - CUBAN CRISIS

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IV. TAKE THE OFFENSIVE -- STOP REACTING TO CASTRO

- A. Castro's actions are acts of aggression against U.S.A. Put Castro on notice.
- B. Take matter to U.N. Security Council & OAS:
 - 1) Human rights: Cuban government encouraging unsafe, inhumane migration -- disregard for life.
 - 2) Use international forums to highlight real problem -- lack of democracy in Cuba

V. INITIATIVES

- A. Suspend all cash transfers to Cuba
- B. Cancel all tourist visas from Cuba to U.S.A.
- C. ~~Continue to allow humanitarian assistance to Cuba.~~ *Do not mix immig. w/ humanitarian*
- D. ~~Consider increasing legal immigration quota from 3,000 annually (current) to 15-20,000.~~

- VI. President's remarks on announcing initiatives or "change of policy" (or the perception that it is a change) must be accompanied by strong words condemning the Castro regime and urging the international community to be actively involved in pursuing a change in Cuba.

If proposed policy "changes" in fact more closely align U.S. Cuba and Haiti immigration policy, it should also more closely align U.S. foreign policy to Cuba and Haiti (i.e. active policy to return both countries to democratic regimes).

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- Cubans detained
- "changes in policy"
- reunification of families

August 19, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR LEON PANETTA

FROM: MORTON H. HALPERIN

SUBJECT: The Four Requests

Attached is a memorandum which describes what we can say about the four requests. We have also listed several other matters of concern to the Cuban American community. The recommendations have the concurrence of Peter Tarnoff (Acting Secretary of State).

Concurrence: Richard Feinberg

CC: Joan Baggett

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MEMORANDUM ON THE FOUR REQUESTS

1. Remittances - The present limit for cash donations is \$300 per quarter, per household. This was lowered from \$500 per quarter several years ago. Gift packages can include many different items, such as household appliances or tools.

cut off
Recommendation - Lower cash limits to \$150 per quarter per household. Restrict gift packages to medicines, food, clothes, and other clearly humanitarian items.

2. Broadcasts to Cuba - Radio Marti is often jammed, TV Marti is always jammed.

Recommendation - Use a C-130 as an air borne platform to broadcast into Cuba, in compliance with international convention.

3. Charter flights - There are 10 or 11 flights a week between Miami and Havana.

Recommendation - Review passenger makeup to determine if number of flights is appropriate. Reduce the number if consistent with the need to use the flights to bring legal immigrants to the United States.

4. Blockade

Recommendation -- If Castro responds to our action by continuing to encourage large outflows of refugees we would consider a variety of tough additional measures including exploring the possibility of a blockade. NOTE: we would not want anything said publicly about this.

OTHER ISSUES:

1. Visas for Cuban Officials - Cuban officials require a 212 f waiver of ineligibility.

Recommendation - Restrict issue of visas for all government officials except those on diplomatic missions.

2. Embargo Protesters - At present many individuals and groups seek to violate embargo laws.

Recommendation - Enunciate a clear policy of enforcement of the embargo. Investigate and, if warranted, prosecute offenders.

3. Outbound inspections - Many travelers exceed authorized limits on travel to Cuba.

Recommendation - The appropriate authorities will conduct full outbound inspection of visitors to Cuba.

4. UN motions

Recommendation - The USG will aggressively promote motions in the United Nations and other fora to expose and condemn human rights violations in Cuba such as the sinking of the 13th of March tugboat.

5. Private Sector Initiative

Recommendation - Sign a new MOU for the PSI for this year. Explore if the PSI can be used for new groupings of Cubans overseas.

LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

21ST DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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August 5, 1994

The Honorable Janet Reno
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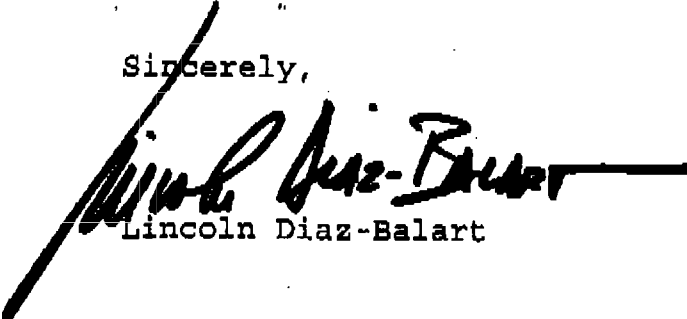
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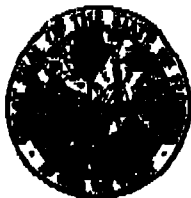
It is my understanding that criminal charges are being considered against some of the passengers who were aboard a Cuban ferry which left Havana harbor on August 3rd and arrived in Key West yesterday. The situation for the regime in Cuba is deteriorating rapidly. I believe that great care must be utilized and all haste avoided with regard to all issues relating to those fleeing oppression in Cuba.

The filing of criminal charges against Cubans in the act of seeking freedom while they were still in Cuba, would constitute a development of the utmost seriousness. I hereby request that the Department of Justice keep me fully informed of any action regarding this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Lincoln Diaz-Balart



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

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our support and endorsement for your proactive leadership in not letting Fidel Castro dictate U.S. policy by attempting to use a new wave of immigration to divert attention from the utter failure of his dictatorship and the internal Cuban pressures for change.

Operation Distant Shore recognizes that the response to a mass immigration emergency is a federal responsibility. Thus, it is most important that under your leadership the federal government has made it known that it will fully enforce U.S. laws against those who might otherwise be tempted to assist Castro in unleashing a new wave of immigration toward our shores.

As the Commission appointed by Governor Chiles to advise on the impact of a free Cuba on the State of Florida, we commend your actions and offer our assistance.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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August 18, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR LEON PANETTA
 JOAN BAGGETT
 MARK GEARAN
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 TONY LAKE
 GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS

FROM: MARCIA L. HALE *[Signature]*
 ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT &
 DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: GOVERNOR CHILES *[initials]*

Attached please find information about Governor Chiles' activities related to Cuban refugees.

08/18/94

Governor Chiles relayed following information to the Attorney General via John Hogan:

Governor Chiles conducted a meeting this afternoon August 18, 1994, with local Dade County officials and they were uniform in indicating the need to be firm in interdicting boats from Cuba to Miami. People who make it to Miami should be detained. Florida is prepared to set up Homestead using the National Guard. 500 people per day is too many for South Florida to absorb. The impact on the black community is very serious. Jackson Memorial Hospital is overloaded. We need to hold people as they come in. All local government officials are in agreement. With respect to what Castro is doing, "Our hearts say let the people in, our minds say don't let Castro tear our community apart."

Diario Las Americas, the principal Spanish language newspaper, is coming out with an editorial today, "Stop boats southbound to Cuba and Navy should stop exodus from Cuba headed North."

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August 19, 1994

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write to express the distress I feel at the tragic consequences of United States policy for the Cuban people.

Since the Eisenhower administration it has been the policy of the United States to hobble the Cuban economy with economic embargoes. For almost that long broadcasts from the United States' Radio Marti have urged Cubans to defy the Cuban authorities and to flee the country. Private Spanish-language stations broadcasting to Cuba from Miami have irresponsibly hyped and amplified this message.

And while the United States has further encouraged exodus by automatically allowing all Cubans who reach our shores or our Coast Guard cutters to stay in the United States, when Cubans attempt to immigrate in an orderly, safe and legal fashion, we have been extremely stingy in granting visas. Under President Reagan the United States agreed to permit 20,000 Cuban immigrants a year. But every year only a few thousand lucky souls get visas.

In short, Mr. President, it has been the policy of the United States to intensify the physical hardship of the Cuban people, but at the same time to deny them any mode of relief short of escape from Cuba or overthrow of the government.

The cynicism of our policy is abundantly clear. For decades Fidel Castro was demonized as a national prison warden for upholding our immigration policy.

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23 NOV.

Susana -

Pedro Pablo from Rep.
Menendez's office
called about the
attached. Apparently
the community is
upset about this case.

Bill Danvers

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Susana Valdez

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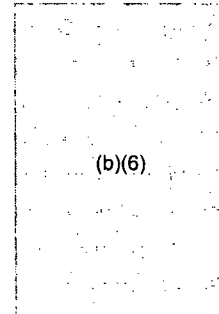
The Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg
United States Senate
717 Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lautenberg:

I would appreciate your help in getting my family out of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

They entered Guantanamo Naval Base on September 20, 1994. Their names are as follows:

Grandmother (late 40's)	Felicia, Gonzalez Gonzales
Son (15)	Daylin, Hernandez Gonzalez
Daughter (12)	Marco, Felix Hernández Gonzalez
Granddaughter (4)	Dayanna Arabis Polebano Ramirez



I want to sponsor them for entrance into the United States. I have the financial means to take care of them and I am more than willing to do so.

I would appreciate you helping me and my family and will be eternally grateful.

Sincerely,

George Riveiro

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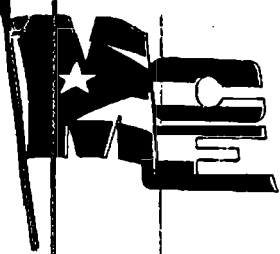
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November 14th., 1994

Ms. Suzanna Valdez,
Assistant Director for Public Liason,
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Old Executive Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Valdez:

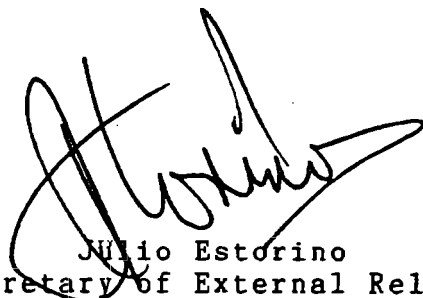
I am writing to you in behalf of the Cuban Municipalities in Exile, a civic organization with over 200,000 members.

We would like to work with the appropriate personnel at the White House to do a special Christmas project for the rafters being detained at Guantánamo.

The Cuban Municipalities in Exile would like to work with a special individual that would help us deliver to Guantánamo Christsmas packages for every detainee.

Please, let us know as soon as possible how we should proceed.
Thanks for your cooperation.

Yours truly,



Julio Estorino
Secretary of External Relations

Approved by:



Miguel A. Tudela
President

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CUBAN REFUGEE POLICY

A major public relations campaign by the Administration can turn an emotionally explosive issue and potential liability into a political asset by **harnessing the energy and resources of the Cuban American Community and giving hope to the refugees in Guantanamo and Panama.**

- **President Clinton** has taken a harder line against Castro and done more for Democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean than any president.
- President Clinton's efforts and **accomplishments merit more credit** and better perception. Anti-Kennedy/Carter sentiment remains a problem for Democrats.
- Like it or not, the **refugees became a U.S. problem** when our forces rescued them.
- The **plight of the refugees is becoming politically explosive** in the Miami Cuban American Community. Their plight is **overshadowing the President's victory over Castro.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- I. **Involve the Cuban American Community in a humanitarian effort to help their refugee brethren in Guantanamo and Panama by:**
 - A. **Financial.** Inviting the Cuban American Community to raise funds for food, clothing, medicine and transportation for sending relief to refugees in Guantanamo and Panama.
 - B. **Medical.** Enabling Cuban American doctors and nurses to volunteer their services to the refugees at U.S. government hospital ships and field hospitals in Guantanamo and Panama.
 - C. **Education.** Permitting qualified Cuban Americans to organize classes in Guantanamo and Panama to help refugees in learning English, the U.S. political system and the basics of free enterprise.
 - D. **Religion.** Allowing Cuban American churches to send clergymen and counselors to Guantanamo and Panama to provide worship services and spiritual and emotional support.
- II. **Give hope to refugees in Guantanamo and Panama by:**
 - A. **Allowing those with special needs, such as children, the sick and elderly, to leave the refugee camps.**
 - B. **Enhance the compilation and processing of personal data to hasten eventual departure.**
 - C. **Issue and repeat frequently a strongly worded Presidential commitment that the refugees will not be abandoned and that the U.S. Government will press the international community to achieve Free World assimilation of the refugees.**



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Honorable William Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

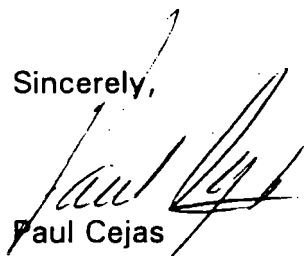
At its regular monthly meeting the Governor's Commission on a Free Cuba by unanimous vote approved a motion requesting that your administration take all necessary steps to improve the conditions in Guantánamo and other detention camps. We are very concerned over the reports of unfavorable conditions in the camps and the uncertain future for those who are held under "indefinite detention."

As your administration revises the joint communique between the governments of Cuba and United States, signed in New York on September 9, 1994, we urge you to give serious consideration to the expedited release of the women, children, the elderly, and the sick held in Guantánamo and that special priority be given to the processing and awarding of exit visas to all eligible Cuban detainees held in this uncertain limbo.

Mr. President, we realize your administration has taken great steps to avoid a massive immigration exodus and the loss of life in the Florida Straits. In addition, you have strengthened the trade embargo against Cuba denying Fidel Castro the revenue he so desperately seeks. We applaud these actions, however, we ask you to direct your attention to our concerns over the conditions in the camps and the hopelessness of a policy of "indefinite detention."

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,


Paul Cejas
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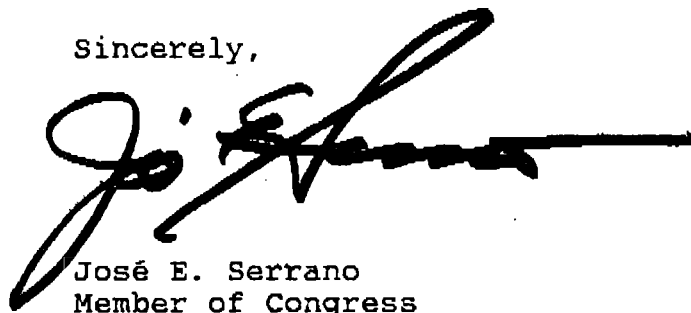
Suzanna Please read the following two articles carefully and share with Alexia and Roger — These are two of the groups that feed back and forth and the main reason we are getting a bad rap and the Pres. is getting caught in the crossfire — I must discuss with all of you immediately. Thank you Fulco

And now, after the desperation of the Cuban people reached such a pitch that they began literally killing to get to the United States, we call Castro an inhumane tyrant for letting his people go.

Faced with hundreds of thousands of Cubans attempting to cross the straits of Florida, Governor Chiles has declared a state of emergency. Mr. President, many thousands of those people are likely to drown in those waters. That is an emergency, and it is one of our making.

In recent months there has been much analysis of United States policy toward Cuba. Indeed, last month no less a figure than Zbigniew Brzezinski asserted publicly that we ought to rethink our approach and move toward lifting the embargo. It is my sincere hope and I strongly urge, Mr. President, that under your leadership the current tragic events in the Caribbean will yield a positive, constructive policy toward Cuba.

Sincerely,

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

José E. Serrano
Member of Congress

JES:elb

CUBAN MIGRATION SITUATION

AGENDA

Monday August 22, 1994

11:30 A.M.

1. Update of detainees & intercepted migrants.....INS/USCG
 - arrivals on our shore this weekend
 - intercepted at sea, heading for Guantanamo
2. Intelligence.....INS/USCG
 - U.S. vessel movement? boat trailers?
 - Any word on #'s leaving Cuba?
3. Safe haven stand ups.....DOD/State
 - Guantanamo, TCI, Surinam, Panama: capacity, timeline
4. Camp Management.....All

Identify all issues for the subgroup on camp management (for Guantanamo and other safe havens): conditions, security, processing, health issues.
5. Voluntary return to Cuba.....State
 - What is the status of contact with the UNHCR and are there any concerns/problems with making this happen?
6. Movement of migrants.....All
 - Which migrants will be moved from Guantanamo and how?
7. Worst case scenario.....USCG/DOD
 - Let's begin discussing what will we do in the event that the flow of Cuban migrants remains high, or if there is an increase of Haitian migration, or if a hurricane heads toward the safe havens?

Cuba Follow Up

Quick follow up on the Cuba Initiative is important to maximize support for the Governor's reelection and to keep our domestic politics straight. Consider the following:

1. ~~Consult with Members of Congress, Florida elected officials and community leaders on how we plan to implement the Cuba Initiative.~~
2. The Governor and the other people are spreading a positive message. More messengers, however, need to be recruited. Do this by inviting other supportive local opinion makers to a briefing with the Vice President and NSC staff. P.C.
3. Create a rapid response team in Miami. They would answer questions about our policy and use our supporters to counter negative stories. There are staff people in the Administration who could do this well and are available.
4. Meet with Members of Congress from the other side of the ideological fence to preempt an attack from the left.
5. Justice is setting up a "hotline" in Miami to respond to questions about rafters picked up by the Coast Guard. We need to make sure this happens quickly and otherwise get info on rafters to their families as soon as possible.
6. Resurrect the idea of sending government people to Miami to brief key constituent groups.

We must start today.

United States Information Agency

INFORMATION MEMO

August 22, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR: B - Joseph B. Bruns
B - Geoffrey Cowan

THROUGH: B/C - Richard M. Lobo *RML*

FROM: B/C - Rolando E. Bonachea *REB/mv/bn*

SUBJECT: Radio Marti Coverage of Crisis in Cuba
Since August 18

Radio Marti has provided continuous coverage of US-Cuba policy pronouncements throughout the weekend as developments have unfolded regarding the Cuban migration crisis. This memorandum lists news and programming initiatives at Radio and TV Marti in response to the Cuban crisis as of COB August 18, 1994.

Both Martis have covered all press conferences by Administration officials. Radio Marti covered live with simultaneous translations President Clinton's mid-day press conference on Friday, August 18, as well as that of Attorney General Janet Reno's the preceding night.

- Radio Marti repeated President Clinton's statement on Cuban migration policy during the Friday press conference every 15 minutes on Friday, and every half-hour on Saturday morning.

- The four-point policy pronouncement announced by President Clinton on Saturday, August 19, has received major play time on Radio and TV Marti. Radio Marti repeated President Clinton's announcement every half-hour on Saturday afternoon and every hour on Sunday. Both stations continue to report on the policy pronouncement.

- Radio Marti's five and seven-minute newscasts on the half-hour and hour, respectively, were expanded to 10-15 minutes during the weekend to include more material regarding the change in US-Cuba policy, warnings against fleeing to Guantanamo Naval Base by the State Department, and about the horrors of crossing the Florida Straits, now known as "the corridor of death."

- Radio Marti aired the 500-odd list of names released by the Immigration and Naturalization Services of those being held at Krome Detention Center in South Florida.

•TV Marti newscasts and all Radio Marti newscasts on the hour and half-hour are featuring the advisory by the State Department that those reaching Guantanamo Naval Base will not be granted automatic entry into the US. The Advisory urges Cubans to resort to the official channels to apply for immigration through the US Interest Section in Havana which will continue to process requests in an orderly fashion.

•Radio Marti has initiated a "*De Cubano a Cubano*" series of "man-on-the-street" interviews with Cuban-Americans in Miami pleading with their loved ones on the island not to leave.

•The "800" *Puente Familiar* telephone line is being disseminated on Miami and New Jersey spanish language radio as a public service announcement for Cuban-Americans to record messages to their families in Cuba. The production schedule is being expanded in order to air the messages daily in 15-minute and hour-long spots throughout the week.

•A series of news actuality reports in the voice of *Brothers to the Rescue* pilots describe the situation in the "corridor of death" in the Florida Straits, highlighting the number of empty rafts being spotted given the increased number of those fleeing. The pilots urge Cubans not to leave warning them that the probability of being rescued has diminished.

•A series of celebrity messages "*De Cubano a Cubano*" are being recorded for placement in magazine format programs and as fillers throughout the broadcasts. Arturo Sandoval and Mickey Rourke are among the celebrities featured. Gloria Estefan, Willy Chirino, Celia Cruz and other notable Cuban-American artists are being contacted.

•Weather reports have been expanded from feature length newscasts three times a day to all newscasts on the hour. The weather reports highlight the deceiving appearance of "calm" coastal waters in contrast to the turbulent seas encountered just miles from the coast in tropical weather conditions.

•Calls by church and community leaders and human rights activists against the dangerous escape by raft are being broadcast throughout the day.

•A special *Mesa Redonda* on Radio Marti will feature a roundtable debate on the significance of this policy change by the Clinton Administration.

•Reactions by South Florida opinion leaders to the policy pronouncement by President Clinton are being reported, offering explanations of the importance of avoiding another Mariel.

•Permission to interview detainees at the Krome Detention Center has been denied by officials there. Justice Department authorization is being requested.

•A special "News in Action" program was broadcast on Sunday and repeated Monday with President Clinton's policy announcement, comments by opinion leaders on the value of the policy.

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•The drama of the escape on rafts is being featured in special segments on the "corridor of death." The recurrent theme on both stations is *"no se siren"*.

August 22, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR SANDY BERGER

FROM: JOE VELASQUEZ

SUBJECT: Cuban Community Mobilization and Communications Plan

This is a preliminary communications plan to mobilize the Cuban community to discourage potential rafters from taking the trip.

THE MESSAGE:

Cuban Americans must discourage families or friends from leaving Cuba and people living in Cuba must not attempt to leave the island because they will not be allowed into the United States and the trip is extremely dangerous.

TASKS:

Communications to Cuban Americans

1. Brief and recruit Cuban American leaders to support the President on the Cuban initiative.
2. Ask print and broadcast media officials to run PSA's (buy time if necessary).
3. Recruit credible spokespeople, i.e., rafters, family members of rafters who have died on the trip, priests, celebrities, community leaders.
4. Ask church and civic leaders to deliver the message.
5. Work with USIA, VOA, Radio and TV Marti and the local community to produce the radio and TV materials such as PSA's, radio actualities, print materials, and instruction packets.

Communications to the people in Cuba

1. Increase Radio and TV Marti broadcast time and power.
2. Organize ham radio operators to send the message to Cuba.
3. Offer free telegrams and/or telephone calls to Cuban Americans to communicate to their family in Cuba.
4. Devote special prime time hours on Radio Marti to broadcast taped one-minute messages from Cuban Americans to their families.

c: Joan Baggett
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: LEON FUERTH

SUBJECT: Encounters with Castro During the Mexico City Visit

You will attend three separate events at which President Castro will be present:

- the Salinas dinner, with a short reception preceding.
- the Inauguration itself
- the Zedillo dinner

The Mexicans are sensitive to maintaining distance between Castro and you in these events and you will find that seating arrangements, arrival times and other formal aspects of protocol will reflect their sensitivity. However, a casual encounter, a direct approach or a third party approach are always possible. Therefore, we have provided recommendations for each of these highly speculative eventualities.

It would be unusual for Castro to be provocative on such an occasion and seek you out. He will be aware, however, that an approach to you, especially on camera, just prior to the Summit, to which he has not been invited, could dramatically increase our damage control problem with the Cuban-American community in Miami. He is also with a group of leaders with whom he feels more comfortable and who, while they may not agree with him, maintain cordial relations with him. Whether these factors are sufficient for him to depart from his usual behavior at events such as these is an open question. We view it as unlikely.

The General Rule

- Avoid an encounter with Castro,
- But, not at the expense of:
 - o Ceding ground to him, or
 - o An evident discourtesy.

You should not shift to a different part of the room if Castro comes near you, nor should you turn your back if he approaches.

A Casual Encounter

The most likely occurrence. Passing one another in a corridor or at a reception.

- Do not initiate a greeting.
- If Castro expresses a simple greeting, return a simple greeting, addressing him as Mr. President. "Good evening, Mr. President."
- Politely maintain forward motion, the best means to assure an encounter does not become a discussion.

A Direct Approach

Castro approaches you directly or is brought to you by a third party. In this case, it may be impossible to avoid an exchange.

- Try to avoid shaking his hand, particularly if the press is in the room. Obviously, do not initiate a handshake, * but don't go to extreme lengths of refusing it if he offers one. Do it quickly. Do not linger.
- Maintain a serious composure. Do nothing that conveys personal warmth. No broad smiles.
- Converse about the beauty of the venue, Mexico City and the weather, then try to break off conversation and politely move on.
- A Castro attempt to discuss bilateral issues should be deflected by:
 - o Referring to the established channels of our respective interests sections, and
 - o Our periodic meetings to discuss migrant issues.
- If he persists, break it off by politely saying, "Mr. President, I must move along now," and begin to walk away.
- Only if he persists to the point of being confrontational should the "kitchen debate" option be used. Try to walk away. "Mr. President, I really must move along."
- If he confronts you, it will be intentional and he will have a plan. This will disadvantage you as you will be responding to something that he has rehearsed in his mind.

A Third Party Approach

A "well-meaning" third country representative approaches to suggest a meeting, either in public or private.

- Any such meeting should be declined.
- Refer to the established channels of bilateral communications through our interests sections.
- Suggest that any message from President Castro can be delivered through our interests sections.

In summary, we believe that Castro will not make any direct approaches, nor will he be provocative. He will not want to embarrass his Mexican hosts with whom he has especially good relations and who want to avoid putting you in an embarrassing situation with Castro. The above is provided for contingency purposes only.

FROM THE DESK OF

Guarione M. Diaz

November 15, 1994

TO: Richard Nuccio

Please find below the original [✱]translation of a
note handed to me by Mr. Obregon, the balsero
who sent the binoculars to President Clinton.

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NAME OF RAFTER WHO SENT BINOCULARS TO PRESIDENT CLINTON

HUMBERTO OBREGON RODRIGUEZ

[005] I.D. No.

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CAMP TANGO

This present is on behalf of thirty (30) "Rafters" living in Guantanamo U.S.A. military Base, and also in the name of those lost at sea.

This old binoculars are part of an old family tradition. They were very useful to us as we crossed the straights of Florida, and also through them I can see the freedom that all Cubans dream of.

(Signed)

A 28-year old young man that has never known freedom.

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Jackie:

These are the names and social
security of the delegation going with
Willy Chirino, Nov. 21, 1994 (Monday)

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Giselola Hidalgo
Gerry Fernandez
Carmen Portela
Wilfredo Allen

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will ensure that parolees resettled with sponsorships arranged by the Committee receive adequate assistance.

5. Community-Based Services

Recognizing that the Ad Hoc Committee Family Reunification Program has arranged to make many services available to Cuban and Haitian parolees, the voluntary agencies will direct parolees to the Committee for these services. Parolees with sponsors arranged through the Ad Hoc Committee Family Reunification Program will be informed of these services through their sponsors and through the combined efforts of the voluntary agencies will refer parolees without Ad Hoc Committees-arranged sponsors to these programs. The Ad Hoc Committee will ensure that services are made available to all parolees (whether the sponsorships were arranged through the Committee or otherwise).

6. Regular review of operations

Given the fact that this is a new concept of operation, that the scope of the program is likely to be large and the time frame for sponsorship coordination is limited, the voluntary agencies, the Ad Hoc Committee Family Reunification program, and CRS agree to have regular meetings to review coordination, address operational issues, and modify this agreement as necessary.

7. Nonexclusivity

Nothing in this concept of operations should be understood to prevent or discourage other community-based organizations from offering to assist, and to assist, CRS or the voluntary agencies in their provision of sponsorship and resettlement services.

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Cesar H. Odio
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Dear Cesar:

I would like to thank you for the very generous proposal from the Ad Hoc Committee on ways to provide assistance in the resettlement of Cuban and Haitian migrants who may be entering the United States in the near future.

On Wednesday, December 28, 1994, CRS will be hosting a meeting of representatives of the Ad Hoc Committee, Voluntary Agencies, and the Community Relations Service (CRS) to examine the options for utilizing the proposed assistance. I would like to invite you and your colleague team to attend. The meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. at CRS Headquarters, Suite 330, 5550 Friendship Boulevard, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

The purpose of the meeting will be to develop and discuss specific assistance programs the Ad Hoc Committee may provide. Additionally, mechanisms for funding assistance will also be examined. Clear lines of authority and responsibility among the parties will be addressed.

Your participation will be essential to our efforts. I look forward to seeing you on next Wednesday. Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey L. Weiss
Acting Director

Office of Public Liaison

Weekly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 8	Jan 9 1:00 PM American Hospital Association (BW) 472 6:45 PM Assn of Maternal & Child Health Programs (BW) 180	Jan 10 2:30 PM American Medical Association (BW) 180 PRESIDENT IN GALESBURG, IL	Jan 11	Jan 12 Flag Officers Lunch	Jan 13 WH Conf on Trade & Invest in Cent & East Europe (BC) Cleveland	Jan 14
Jan 15	Jan 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jan 17	Jan 18 Photo op with Disabled American Vets (BC/bob) Oval Office	Jan 19 <u>Conf Calls</u> outreach on speech	Jan 20	Jan 21
Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24 STATE OF THE UNION	Jan 25	Jan 26	Jan 27 2:00 PM Center for Policy Alternatives (Doris) RR Satellite to Home Builders*	Jan 28

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I. Team Track -

integration aimed @ key states
"state days" each month

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II. Persuadable Strategy -

who you touch in each state
to help w/ infrastructure for
an election

"who do we need to neutralize"

III Key States -

persuadables

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Concluyen Funciones del Enlace Civil en Guantánamo

El sabado 31 de Diciembre de 1994 concluirán las funciones del Sr. Guarioné Díaz como enlace civil en la Base Naval de Guantánamo. Esta fue la fecha originalmente acordada cuando se nombro al Sr. Díaz.

La duración limitada del contrato del Sr. Díaz se basó en que sus responsabilidades previamente adquiridas como presidente del Consejo Nacional Cubanoamericano le impedirían ejercer por más de tres meses las tareas constantes e intensas de enlace civil. Por otra parte, estos tres meses le han permitido al Sr. Díaz evaluar las condiciones de los campamentos, facilitar el intercambio de información entre los Balseros y otras personas e instituciones, y recomendar estrategias para mejorar la salud, alimentación, y otros aspectos de la vida de los Cubanos en Guantánamo.

Las facultades otorgadas al Sr. Díaz se limitaron a aquellas relacionadas con temas de asistencia humanitaria tales como la obtención y transporte de aproximadamente 100,000 libras de donaciones, la realización de numerosas gestiones para que se aprobara al Miami Medical Team como grupo voluntario de médicos en los campamentos, y el establecimiento de nuevos canales de comunicación con los balseros Cubanos.

Debido a la urgencia de continuar mejorando el nivel de vida de los Cubanos en la Base Naval el Sr. Guarioné Díaz se ha ofrecido para seguir apoyando con carácter voluntario la prestación de ayuda humanitaria a los Cubanos en Guantánamo.

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Conclusion of the Guantanamo Ombudsman Assignment

On Saturday December 31st, 1994 Mr. Guarione M. Diaz's assignment as Ombudsman, or civilian liaison in Guantanamo Bay will conclude. The term of Mr. Diaz's assignment was originally set to expire on that date. The duration of this Agreement was based on the premise that Mr. Diaz's ongoing responsibilities as President of the Cuban American National Council would not allow him to spend more than three months on an intensive, round-the-clock assignment such as Ombudsman in Guantanamo Naval Base. Moreover, the three month period allowed Mr. Diaz to assess the conditions at the Cuban camps, facilitate the flow of information among the Cubans and other individuals and institutions, identify strategies to meet camp needs, and recommend programs and services that improved the health, safety, and well being of Cubans at the Base.

The scope of Mr. Diaz's assignment was defined by specific humanitarian assistance tasks, such as, obtaining and/or transporting approximately 100,000 pounds of donations, advocating for the approval of weekly medical care in Guantanamo delivered by volunteers of the Miami Medical Team, and facilitating the flow of information to and from the Cuban camps' population.

Because of the urgency to further improve the living conditions of Cubans at the Naval Base, Mr. Guarione Diaz has offered to continue supporting the provision of humanitarian assistance to the Balseros on a voluntary basis.

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Alertan de maniobra pro Cuba en el Consejo de Seguridad

Por ARIEL REMOS

Los congresistas republicanos de origen cubano Lincoln Díaz-Balart e Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, advirtieron en una carta al Presidente Bill Clinton que uno de los miembros de su Consejo Nacional de Seguridad Nacional, Morton Halperin, hace esfuerzos "para lograr la implementación

de iniciativas políticas...que beneficiarían a la dictadura comunista de Cuba", y lo instan a mantenerse "firme en el mantenimiento de nuestras sanciones contra la dictadura cubana" y a "resistir las presiones de los que pretenden otorgar ayuda al moribundo régimen totalitario de Castro".

Los congresistas cubanoamericanos, Ros Lehtinen y Lincoln Díaz Balart, advirtieron a Clinton contra maniobra de Morton Halperin

Los congresistas dicen al Presidente haber recibido "informes profundamente preocupantes desde dentro de su gobierno" sobre las actividades del señor Halperin, "cuya designación a

una posición importante del Departamento de Defensa tuvo que ser retirada por usted cuando el Senado controlado por el Partido

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ROS LEHTINEN DIAZ BALART

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Demócrata lo confirmaba".

Efectivamente, a principios de 1993 Halperin había sido escogido para desempeñar el cargo de Secretario Adjunto para Democracia y Derechos Humanos, pero su designación fue tan controversial, que fue retirada por el Presidente Clinton. Una de las graves acusaciones que se le hicieron a Halperin fue la de querer socavar y destruir las agencias de inteligencia y seguridad nacional del país, contando en su haber la defensa en los años 70 de Daniel Ellsberg, el famoso revelador de los documentos secretos conocidos como los "Papeles del Pentágono", referentes a la Guerra de Vietnam, y una recensión favorable al libro del renegado ex agente de la CIA, Phillip Agee, que se unió a los comunistas para destruir la CIA mediante su libro "Dentro de la Compañía: Diario de la CIA" que publicó con la ayuda del régimen comunista de Cuba.

Los congresistas Díaz-Balart y Ros-Lehtinen dicen en su carta al Presidente Clinton que "A través de su carrera, el señor Halperin ha demostrado parcialidad en sus juicios relacionados con amenazas provenientes de la Cuba castrista. Por ejemplo, después de las incursiones armadas de Castro en Angola y Etiopía, el señor Halperin escribió incorrectamente que todas las acciones que la Unión Soviética y Cuba han llevado a cabo en Africa, han sido consistentes con los principios del Derecho Internacional. Los cubanos han intervenido solamente cuando han sido invitados por un gobierno y han permanecido solamente a petición de ellos".

Advierten después al Presidente que las sanciones que él estableció el pasado 20 de agosto como consecuencia del problema migratorio surgido por la marejada de baideros que produjo haberse hecho el dictador del día de la vista gorda, estaba surtiendo efectos y estaba provo-

cando "numerosos síntomas" que señalaban "el colapso inevitable de la tiranía comunista".

Subrayan después que "Cualquier gesto como los que el señor Halperin intenta lograr en estos momentos de creciente brutalidad represiva por parte del régimen totalitario de Castro, sería una forma de complicidad con ese régimen contra el pueblo de Cuba", y citan algunas de las medidas que propulsa el señor Halperin:

1. Autorizar a empresas de EE.UU. a financiar y vender irrestrictamente a Castro medicinas, equipos médicos y suplementos, y alimentos.

2. Suprimir las prohibiciones establecidas por el Presidente Clinton el 20 de agosto evitando vuelos alquilados y envíos de dinero a la Cuba castrista.

3. Autorizar transacciones financieras y viajes para los denominados intercambios académicos, culturales y científicos, exhibiciones y eventos de organizaciones supuestamente religiosas.

4. Disminuir restricciones de viajes para facilitar visitas de ciudadanos estadounidenses a Cuba, así como permitir viajes turísticos y de negocios.

5. Autorizar el establecimiento de representaciones de información periodística de Cuba en EE.UU., y de EE.UU. a Cuba, eliminando las regulaciones para informar sobre las transacciones financieras y las actividades relacionadas de esas representaciones en Cuba comunista y de Cuba comunista en EE.UU.

6. Comenzar "negociaciones" con el gobierno cubano para supuestamente resolver las reclamaciones estadounidenses por las confiscaciones comunistas y otras medidas similares, todas las cuales aboga el señor Halperin.

December 13, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE CORE GROUP

FROM: SUZANNA VALDEZ

SUBJECT: REFUGEE CAMP PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE

During the President's meeting with the Core Group a few weeks ago, we agreed to name a task force that would observe, recommend and assist the Administration and the military in the improvement of the living conditions at the camps and to improve communications with Cuban rafters presently in Guantanamo and Panamanian military bases. The present situations grows increasingly complex with issues that should be addressed and resolved with the close cooperation of the Cuban-American community and our supporters. The Task Force would centralize information and establish accountability for the improved results.

The present Ombudsman contract with the Department of Justice will expire at the end of the year. He has advised DOJ that because of his professional obligations, he can only continue to serve our interests in a limited capacity. The Task Force will fill this vacuum and continue the liaison job that was started by this effort. Mr. Guarione Diaz, who has served as the Ombudsman, will be a part of the Task Force.

The Duties of the Presidential Task Force

The primary responsibilities of the Task Force would be to advise the President on improving living conditions at Guantanamo and Panama while coordinating volunteer efforts. This role must not be confused with advocacy efforts on behalf of resettlement or changes in policy. Their duties would include the following:

- Organize efforts to enable Cuban-American doctors and nurses to volunteer their services for refugees at U.S. governmental hospital ships and field hospitals in Guantanamo and Panama.
- Schedule and recommend entertainment visits.
- Schedule and coordinate family and civic organization visits.
- Schedule Cuban-American churches to send clergymen and counselors to Guantanamo and Panama to provide worship services, as well as spiritual and emotional support.
- Make recommendations on the process of de-militarizing the camps.

The Task Force should address the following components:

1. Health Care
2. Housing and sanitation
3. Morale
4. Relationship between the military and camp members
5. Child welfare
6. Education
7. Handling and soliciting donations

It is important that those named to this task force be identified for their civic involvement and social contributions and not for their political profile.

The task force will visit the camps at their earliest convenience and will prepare a report of their preliminary findings and recommendations to the President through the Office of Public Liaison.

DECEMBER 15, 1994

**MEMORANDUM FOR: LULA RODRIGUEZ
USIA**

**FROM: SUZANNA VALDEZ
OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON**

SUBJECT: CUBAN REFUGEES

Today my office received a call from Father Federico of Miami. He and other priests in southern Florida have been collecting the signatures of their parishioners after each mass. These signatures, which number in the thousands, demand the freedom of the Cuban refugees.

The priests have presented these signatures to the senators of Florida in public (media-covered) appearances. Father Federico would like to do the same with the White House (a small photo-op with the Miami Herald). He would like the people of southern Florida to know that "their voice is being heard, and that their signatures are being noticed."

I am seeking your counsel on this issue. Please call me at your convenience 456-6659.

Thank you.

*FEDERICO 305-940-6168
732-994 (BCEP/R)*

ARMANDO A. SANTELICES, M.D., P.A.
GENERAL SURGERY

December 13, 1994

Ms. Susan Valdes
The White House
Washington, D.C.

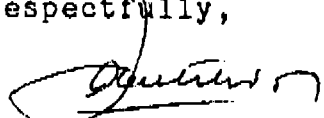
Dear Ms. Valdes,

Lula suggested I forward this article to you.

I sincerely hope we can act soon as an official group. I believe it would be morally and politically correct that we begin work as quickly as possible.

Please forgive this presumption, but the climate here and the explosiveness of the situation warrants it.

Respectfully,


Armando A. Santelices, M.D.

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To: Suzanna Valdez
White House
Washington DC.

Phone: _____

Fax phone: 202-456-6218

CC: _____

From: Sharon DryallJoint Haitian Refugee Task ForceGuantanamo BayCubaPhone: 011 5399 5040Fax phone: 011 5399 5036

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Statistical Information - 12/8/94
migrant flight from Guantanamo
All arrangements completed in Miami
ETA. Homestead AFB : Hours

COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE

Migrant Flight Distribution

Date of flight: December 16, 1994 From: GUANTANAMO To: Homestead AFB

	Principals			Accompanying Adult Relatives			Accompanying Children			Total Accompanying Adults + Children			TOTAL Migrants		
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Elderly F		0												0	
Total		0													
Medical M		9			33			3			36			45	
Medical F		12			11			1			12			24	
Total		21			44			4			48			59	
UnMinor M		30												30	
UnMinor F		1												1	
Total		31												31	
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Total M		39			32			3			36			74	
Total F		13			11			1			12			25	
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KEY: M = male
F = female

H = Haitian
C = Cuban

Elderly = 70 and older
Medical = medical parole

UnMinor = unaccompanied minor
Human. = humanitarian parole

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TRANSMITTAL

to: Suzanna A. Valdez
fax #: 202-456-6218
re: Embargo
date: December 19, 1994
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Since early this morning I am being bombarded with calls that "Mort Halperin is going to press the President for an executive order to approve the unilateral sale of food and medical items to Cuba, they claim that he is going to use the excuse of humanitarian aid to basically bypass the embargo".

I am aware that he was reviewing the "humanitarian relief provision of the Torricelli bill", to that regards I send him the attached letter. Most likely this "week's crisis" is an exaggeration of the facts. But before this thing gets out of hand could you please bring to his attention that there are people ready to bring this out, Guantanamo is a big enough headache..!

Regards

*Otto Reich
Miami Herald
Heena Res-Lehtinen*

From the desk of...

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President, CEO
Nova Home Health Corp.,
5870 SW 8th. St. Suite 7
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November 29, 1994

Mr. Morton Halperin
National Security Council
The White House
Room 393 DEOB
Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Mort:

I have been advised that the following NGO's have been able to successfully develop a distribution network for humanitarian items within Cuba bypassing Castro's government.

United Methodist System Committee on Relief
(UMCORE)
Mr. Kew Lutgore, Director
(212) 870-3816

and

The Church World Service
(212) 870-2460

This information was given to us by Mrs. Dietra Ford, Executive Director of the Oversight Board, who has been very active on humanitarian efforts. You may contact Dietra at (202) 416-2600.

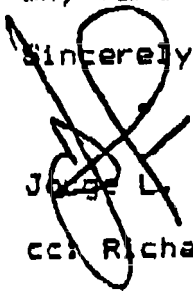
I strongly advise you to be very careful with the approval of humanitarian relief to Cuba. It is of utmost importance that only highly respectable NGO's, that can guarantee direct distribution be approved.

The items to be allowed as "humanitarian relief" must be defined very narrowly. The Cuban government or its agents should not be involved directly or indirectly in the distribution and obviously they should not benefit from it. I would suggest the appointment of an overview board with members of the Cuban American Community, the church, etc. be formed to sanction the process. Failure to handle this issue carefully will trigger strong criticism from the community.

Mr. Mart Halperin
The White House
November 29, 1994
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Feel free to call me if you have any question or need
any further information.

Sincerely,

Jose L. Bolanos

cc: Richard Feinberg

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 19, 1994

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We have received deeply disturbing reports from within your Administration concerning efforts by Mr. Morton Halperin to achieve the implementation of a policy initiative by the White House that would benefit the Cuban communist dictatorship.

These reports are made even more alarming by the fact that Mr. Halperin is the member of your National Security Council staff whose nomination to a sensitive Department of Defense position had to be withdrawn when the Democratic-controlled Senate would not confirm him. Throughout his career, Mr. Halperin has shown faulty judgement in relation to threats emanating from Castro's Cuba. After Castro's incursions into Angola and Ethiopia, for example, Mr. Halperin inaccurately wrote that "every action which the Soviet Union and Cuba have taken in Africa has been consistent with the principles of international law. The Cubans have come in only when invited by a government and have remained only at their request".

As you know, Mr. President, on August 5th of this year approximately 30,000 Cubans spontaneously took to the streets in Havana demanding freedom. Despite a terrible crackdown by the regime, Cubans throughout the island are demanding democracy in ever-bolder forms of action. Sugar production and Castro's ability to purchase oil are at an all-time low, the sanctions you implemented last August 20th are having a strong effect, and numerous signs point to the inevitable collapse of the communist tyranny.

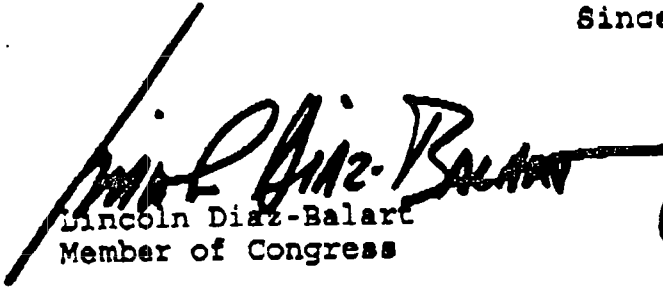
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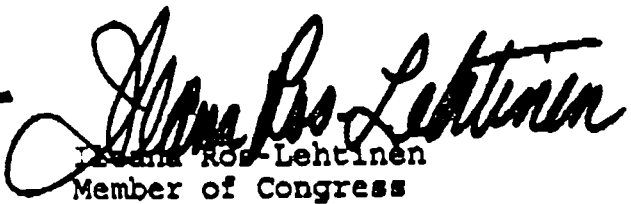
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We hope that you will remain firm in the enforcement of our sanctions against the Cuban dictatorship and in resisting the pressures of those who would throw the moribund Cuban totalitarian regime a lifeline, Mr. President.

Sincerely,



Lincoln Diaz-Balart
Member of Congress



J. Ross Lehtinen
Member of Congress

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CUBA FOREIGN POLICY

- Constant rumors ^{undermined} press.
- positive articles not used
- new Congress support of CDA
- Simpson abduction CAA.
- Cuba Broadcasting support.
- 2 yrs left enlightened Cuba policy.
- Hayes & Tuccio well liked
- Core Group. involunt
- Riker

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CAMPS — PANAMA — till March

— GUANTANAMO

Close Camps in 6 months

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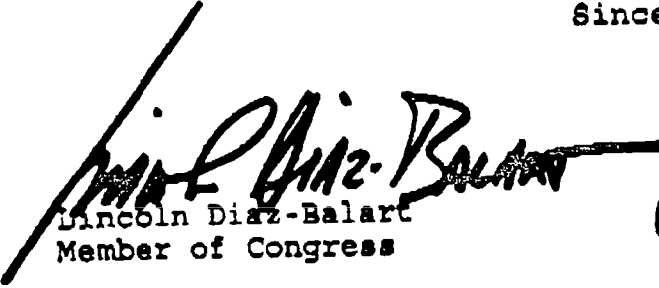
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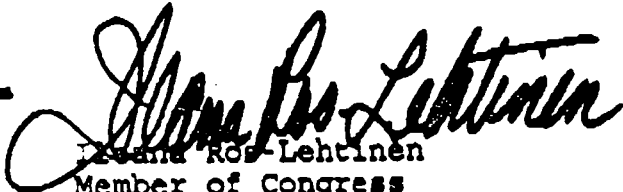
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Sincerely,



Lincoln Diaz-Balart
Member of Congress



Diana Ros-Lehtinen
Member of Congress

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DEC 21 1994

Cesar H. Odio
City Manager
City of Miami
3500 Pan American Drive
Miami, Florida 33133

Dear Cesar:

I would like to thank you for the very generous proposal from the Ad Hoc Committee on ways to provide assistance in the resettlement of Cuban and Haitian migrants who may be entering the United States in the near future.

On Wednesday, December 28, 1994, CRS will be hosting a meeting of representatives of the Ad Hoc Committee, Voluntary Agencies, and the Community Relations Service (CRS) to examine the options for utilizing the proposed assistance. I would like to invite you and your colleague team to attend. The meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. at CRS Headquarters, Suite 330, 5550 Friendship Boulevard, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

The purpose of the meeting will be to develop and discuss specific assistance programs the Ad Hoc Committee may provide. Additionally, mechanisms for funding assistance will also be examined. Clear lines of authority and responsibility among the parties will be addressed.

Your participation will be essential to our efforts. I look forward to seeing you on next Wednesday. Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey L. Weiss
Acting Director

On list of...

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ALEXIS HERMAN
MORT HALPERIN (C)

SUBJECT: REFUGEE CAMP TASK FORCE

DATE: DECEMBER 21, 1994

To effectively deal with the Cuban refugee issue in a manner that maximizes relations with the Cuban-American community, the core group has recommended that you name a Refugee Camp Task Force. This task force, comprised of civic and community members, will advise you on conditions at Guantanamo and Panama while coordinating volunteer efforts.

However, in light of recent developments--i.e., misinformation about the conditions of the refugee camps and disagreement within the core group regarding the task force membership: ~~the core group is requesting that you postpone the announcement.~~ *back*

The core group believes that the task force can best serve you if both the objectives and the proposed membership are explored further. They believe that the task force might encounter situations within Guantanamo and Panama that are less than humanitarian and that they might not be empowered to affect any change. A situation of powerlessness to improve conditions could damage our relations with the Cuban-American community.

To ensure that the creation of the task force is ~~the~~ most beneficial to our objectives, ~~the core group is proposing~~ the following:

- That the White House schedule a confidential briefing in Washington at the highest policy-making level so the core group can fully comprehend the Administration's current policies, as well as provisions for the future.
- A low-keyed ~~non-publicity~~ inspection trip to ~~Guantanamo and Panama~~ to ~~learn~~ *firsthand of the conditions at these sites.* *travel to that authorize* *analyst*

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The core group believes that if the policies and conditions of the refugee camps are fully explored, they can evaluate how a task force could best serve the administration's objectives.

195 Action Plan

Follow up w/ Seth Waxman family visits
to Lancaster

w/ Cone Green

opening of
OFAC

Follow thru ~~etc~~ civilian
admin. / providing
assistance
in gmo

TELEFAX MESSAGE



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FROM: LULA RODRIGUEZ, DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

DATE: 12/9/94

TO: Luzma Valdes (305)
674-4842

SUBJECT: Letter from Maria organizers
and our message - which was
sent to organizers - it will not
be read at the rally - but the
organizers will share with
Cuban media today.

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P. S. Message was
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ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE FOR THE MARCH OF THE LIBERTY OF CUBA

November 15, 1994

The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

We are pleased to address these lines to you to ratify the determination of most of the anti-Castro organizations in exile to carry out an orderly MARCH OF THE LIBERTY OF CUBA next December 10, in order to express our concerns and request to the Summit of the Hemisphere heads of State, which will be convened in Miami on the said date.

Our purpose is to carry out a peaceful march that will conclude at the Orange Bowl and which will be an exemplary civic demonstration. Its purpose is to demand the Summit to deal with the Cuban question, condemn the Castro regime for its totalitarian structure and its massive violations of the Cuban people's human rights, and express the solidarity of the governments of the Summit with our struggle to establish a democratic regimen in Cuba.

The Cuban exile community plans to carry out this event with strict observance of the most rigid rules of civic order and discipline, as has always been the case here in Miami, inasmuch as we wish to project a high image of our community and of our endeavors for the freedom of Cuba.

As far as your government is concerned, Mr. President, the Cuban community massively supports the Torricelli Act, as well as your stance of bringing democracy to Cuba by maintaining the anti-Castro embargo. We also support the steps taken, recently, of suspending dollar remittances and airlines flights to Cuba; although, we are deeply concern with the detention of Cuban refugees in Guantanamo and other places. We believe such detention to be legally and politically inappropriate, and that it projects an image of the United States which is contrary to this country's dearest traditions.

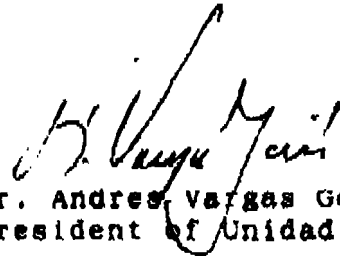
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Mr. President, we avail ourselves of this opportunity to express to you the testimony of our highest and most distinguished consideration.

By the Organization Committee of the March of the Liberty of Cuba, which includes all exile organizations:



JOSE MIRO
President of the Brigade 2506



Dr. Andres Vargas Gomez
President of Unidad Cubana

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S DECLARATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE CUBAN PEOPLE

This weekend the democratically elected leaders of 34 nations of this hemisphere gather together in this great city to celebrate a common vision of freedom and economic opportunity. A decade ago such a gathering was inconceivable, but a tide of democratic reform, respect for human rights, and recognition of the dignity of the individual is bringing increased freedom and prosperity to us all. However, the "March and Rally for Cuba's Liberty" is a powerful reminder that not all our neighbors have as yet benefited from this tide. Regrettably, one nation continues to deny its people a voice in running their own lives; one nation continues to stifle all forms of dissent; one nation continues to block economic initiative. That nation is Cuba -- and for these reasons, Cuba has no place here at this Summit.

Today we commemorate International Human Rights Day. As we speak, brave dissidents and activists languish in Cuba's prisons and work camps. Thousands of brave Cubans -- many of whose names we do not know -- suffer for the courage of their beliefs. We must be equally dedicated. Guided by the principles set forth in the Cuban Democracy Act, we will stand firm in our commitment to see the day when the Cuban people enjoy the same rights many of us in this hemisphere take for granted: freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right of assembly, and freedom from arbitrary detention.

Over the years, I have been fortunate to have made a great number of friends in this community. I know well that the love of freedom runs deep in the Cuban soul. Next year marks the centennial of the death of Cuba's great patriot, Jose Marti. A man of vision and passion, Marti belongs not only to Cuba but to all of the Americas. Marti once said, "Only oppression should fear the full exercise of freedom." With your help, we will strive to achieve a peaceful transition to democracy in Cuba so that, at long last, Cuba will again be free, democratic and regain its rightful place among the nations of this hemisphere.

The Summit of the Americas taking place in this city is a symbol of the extraordinary steps we have taken on the path towards democracy. Your march and rally is a reminder that Cuba will not be left behind. Thank you and God bless you.

Viva Cuba Libre!