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September 30, 1996

Ms. Suzanna Valdez
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Via fax: (202) 456-6218

Dear Suzanna:

I understand that President Clinton will be visiting us here in South Florida next week and I wanted to enlist your assistance in encouraging him to make Miami-Dade Community College the venue at which he could address, meet, and greet members of our community.

The President's visit to South Florida has always provided an inspiration to many of us who strive to improve the quality of life in this area and it would certainly be the greatest honor and a long-awaited dream come true for me personally (as you well know), to host our distinguished President at Miami-Dade.

There is certainly not a more ideal location than Miami-Dade in the Greater Miami area. President Clinton very laudably has made it publicly known through his actions and words that he holds America's community college's and the invaluable opportunities they provide to America's citizens, in the highest esteem. Miami-Dade represents the epitome of opportunity and the American dream. And as you know, for its groundbreaking academic initiatives that have included the under-prepared and the honors student, and for its presence in the community as a locus of educational, social and cultural advancement, Miami-Dade Community College has been heralded year after year as America's premier 2-year educational institution and the innovator in community-based education. Our record is very clear, as we:

enroll more African American students than any other college or university,

enroll more Hispanic students than any other college or university,

enroll more low-income students than any other college or university,

grant more associate degrees to minority students than any other community college,

grant more associate degrees in Nursing than any other community college.

Ms. Suzanna Valdez

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We believe the President would have a great impact with our student leaders; namely, speaking to the consciousness of community and national service, and the practical steps that they can take to fulfill this need; he would find a most receptive and friendly audience in our students and faculty, one that appreciates the opportunities that lay before them. Or if the President would prefer, the audience could consist of essence of our community's leadership. All in all, we are very flexible and able to accommodate the President in any way that he may wish.

As you are well aware, Miami-Dade's Wolfson Campus, located in the heart of downtown Miami, has established itself as the community's meeting place for important political and social issues. It is a safe and secure environment, which has hosted many of our country's and the world's finest authors, educators, political journalists and government leaders. Past-Presidents and Cabinet officers, including Secretary Riley, the late Secretary Ron Brown and others have spoken here. Additionally, our facilities are equipped with the latest in technology should there be a need for satellite broadcasts or specialized audio-visual equipment.

Suzanna, I know that I need not give you such a detailed rationale as to why I feel the President's presence at Miami-Dade would be particularly important for him and to our community; you are extremely familiar with our institution and will no doubt agree that the President could expect to received first rate hospitality at Miami-Dade.

Won't you please become personally involved in helping us bring the President to Miami-Dade?
As always, I remain grateful for your ongoing invaluable support and friendship.

Sincerely,



Eduardo J. Padrón

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October 24, 1996

Mr. Harold Ickes
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Dear Harold,

During the President's recent trip to Miami I suffered a "memory lapse" (or was it nerves ...) and failed to inform him of several issues which I believe would be of interest to him. If you think that they could be of potential interest, I will appreciate your sharing this memo with the President.

- ☐ I will be broadcasting to Latin America through Worldnet on election eve., reporting and analyzing elections results. Television stations in five countries will carry the program live with the local moderators asking questions. The countries are Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. Mark Falcoff from the American Enterprise Institute will be representing the Republican side.
- ☐ I will be leaving on a public diplomacy mission to Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica and Canada (Ottawa & Montreal) on November 6. There will be the myriad of public diplomacy issues to be discussed with constituent groups (media, government officials, business academia, and NGO representatives among others). Personally, I want to get the pulse on Helms-Burton and go one step beyond to hear first hand what ideas and recommendations these people have for a peaceful transition in Cuba - (I will keep in mind that the goal is to achieve the outcome discussed with the President this week in Miami).
- ☐ In a meeting two weeks ago with Stuart Eizenstat, he asked my assistance in securing a host country for the International Conference on Cuban Democracy which is being planed for the first quarter in 1997. He also alerted me of plans for the creation of a new Fund for the Development of Free Enterprise in Cuba, which will be a bi-product of the conference. A close friend, Ms. Muni Figueres, who is not only the sister of President Figueres of Costa Rica, but a Vice President of External Affairs at the Interamerican Development Bank, has suggested that Dr. Enrique Iglesias, President of the IDB would be more than willing to help us implement these tasks. He could also be our vehicle in the

Mr. Harold Ickes

October 24, 1996

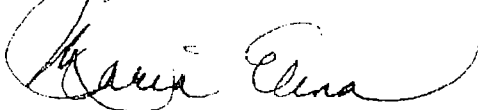
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right country to serve as host. Of course, Dr. Iglesias needs to be asked by our government to undertake this initiative. My personal opinion is that the creation of this fund will be extremely well received by other countries in the region.

- ☐ I have learned that Cuba is planning a conference in Havana this coming February to discuss Helms-Burton. They will be inviting world supporters and sympathetic Cuban Americans to attend. I will have more details soon.
- ☐ As we discussed in Miami, finding a solution to the Cuban problem is not easy. High among the number of factors that add to its complexity is the inability of the players to communicate in a rational fashion. Strong egos and attitudes that have only strengthened for almost forty years make this communication impossible. I will look into this issue further and will keep you advised, through Harold, if and when I make any progress.

Thanks for coming to Miami, Mr. President, and giving us so much of your time and energy. Your success will more than make up for the shattering experience of two years ago which truly brought about this remarkable comeback!

Sincerely,



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Message

We wanted to strongly support Herminio's recommendations that an event with the Cuban-American community be held during today's or tomorrow. Our President, has an incredible track record on Cuba and can consolidate his 40% support with a single event. His credibility in the community is soft, the people need to see and hear him confirm his policy.

His failure to do so will be used by the Republicans to re-inforce their position that the President is not serious, and that he is going to change his position after the elections.

Please make sure that we are not involved on the controversy regarding the delivery of goods being donated for Hurricane Lily's victims. My personal position is that we should support humanitarian help for the people of Cuban as long as the donated goods are transported, stored and distributed directly by bona-fide NGOs and the Castro's government is not involved in any form or fashion.

We have enclosed a clipping showing the positions on the relief efforts, on the business endorsement and a column by Robert L. Steinback titled "Why Clinton survives the character issue" which was published in the Miami Herald and el Nuevo Herald.

Good Luck!

LO QUE OPINAN

■ **Agustín Román**, obispo auxiliar de la Arquidiócesis de Miami:

"Los que se oponen a las donaciones no conocen en realidad lo que es Caritas. Esta es una institución internacional, la rama de la caridad de la Iglesia, que en todas partes del mundo brinda ayuda. Si no tenemos garantía con Caritas, ¿en quién vamos a confiar? A pesar, de todo, la mayoría de las personas vienen con un mensaje hermoso de amor. Pero quiero aclarar que la caridad se hace de muchas maneras, no criticando, ni negando. Si no quiere ayudar al pueblo cubano, puede dar su ayuda a la Liga Contra el Cáncer, pero ayude".

■ **Francisco "Pope" Hernández**, presidente de la Fundación Nacional Cubano Americana:

"En una situación tan triste y tan difícil como la actual, lo que debemos hacer es llamar a la cordura. Debemos dejar todas estas diferencias, porque la his-

toria del exilio cubano siempre ha sido ayudar a nuestros hermanos cada vez que se han encontrado en una situación difícil. Pero debemos responsabilizar al régimen de Castro con cualquier situación en caso de que esta ayuda no llegara a las víctimas".

■ **Andrés Nazario Sargón**, secretario general de Alboa 66:

"Esta ayuda no es es humanitaria, sino política porque se mueve alrededor de los que buscan un acercamiento con el régimen. Además, es una cuestión de principios, porque esta es la única tregua con el enemigo. ¿Con el enemigo no se negocia. La población cubana ha sido afectada, pero ¿para qué darle comida hoy si la tragedia y la miseria la tienen desde hace más de 30 años?"

■ **Bernón Saúl Sánchez**, presidente del Movimiento Democrático:

"Apoyamos a Caritas y a Alboa en las donaciones. Esto es el ejercicio de amor en un momento en que por 37 años se ha alimentado el odio. Más que

viveres, la carga mayor que llegará a Cuba es de amor".

■ **Juan Ruiz**, presidente de Unidad Cubana:

"No apoyamos ni mandamos ningún tipo de ayuda a Cuba. Al enemigo no se le puede dar balas. No estamos en contra del pueblo. Pero desgraciadamente cuando uno se enfrasca en una lucha no hay diálogo ni acuerdos. Estas donaciones son un alivio momentáneo, comida para hoy, hambre para mañana".

■ **José Basulto**, presidente de Hermanos al Rescate:

"Hermanos al Rescate está ciento por ciento apoyando la ayuda humanitaria al pueblo cubano después de recibir la garantía de la Iglesia Católica y del monseñor Román, de que todo llegará al pueblo. Román garantiza de que si algo irregular ocurriera, la ayuda se pararía. Tendría que ser muy poco cubano y muy poco humano, para no estar de acuerdo con esta ayuda a un pueblo que está pasando por por dos huracanes, el Lili y el de Fidel Castro".

S. Fla. •execs back Clinton

Economy is motivator

By GREGG FIELDS
Herald Business Writer

Riding the wave of a resurgent Florida economy, and lauded for his trade development initiatives with Latin America, President Clinton got the endorsement of several dozen South Florida business leaders Monday — countering the common perception that the management class is uniformly Republican.

"We're not taking anything for granted," said Mack McLarty, counselor to the president, who presided over the event, staged at the Biltmore Hotel. "We're encouraged but not overconfident."

Clinton himself arrives in Miami today, and will attend a rally at Miami-Dade's north campus this afternoon. (See story, Page 1B.)

Recent polls suggest that chief executives of the country's largest corporations privately support Republican challenger Bob Dole by a wide margin.

Nevertheless, their public shows of support have been muted, while increasing ranks of the business elite have publicly backed Clinton. That support is largely due to the economy's overall performance, which is the kind that keeps CEOs employed: low inflation, stable interest rates and a stock market at record highs.

Earlier this month, for instance, a group of 2,500 CEOs and business leaders threw their support to Clinton at a gathering in Stamford, Conn.

In Miami, business leaders — many of whom were long supporters of Clinton, anyway — applauded the president for everything from his handling of the deficit to the Summit of the Americas held here nearly two years ago.

One major no-show: Ivax Chairman Phil Frost, who had been scheduled to attend. Campaign officials said they



Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL TRADE A FACTOR: Mack McLarty, counselor to the president, speaks to those gathered at the Biltmore Hotel in an event to endorse a candidate.

Business leaders group backs Clinton

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weren't sure why he wasn't there; Frost couldn't be reached.

U.S. Gov. Jeb Bush Mackay, who introduced McLarty, noted that the state had gained 721,000 jobs since Clinton took office, one of the strongest growth rates in the nation.

Paul C. J. was the former chairman of the Dade County School

Board, and founder of CareFlorida Health Systems, which he has since sold, lauded the emphasis the White House has placed on international trade — one of Miami's major industries.

"The president keeps talking about the bridge to the 21st Century," Cejas said. "We're talking about the bridge to Latin America and the Caribbean."

Barbara Garrett, president of

U.S. sales and marketing for Windmere Corp., said she was endorsing Clinton partly for a "political environment that encourages businesses to businesses to invest in expansion."

But primarily, she added, she feels the administration has been more sympathetic to "what I call issues of the heart," Garrett said. "Women have benefited most from this expansion."

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ROBERT L. STEINBACK

Why Clinton survives the character issue

Is the American president a chief executive officer or a moral leader? The head of a very large organization, or a symbol of how to live life?

Some would argue that as the most influential American, the president is indeed a moral leader to whom citizens should look to assess their own behavior.

Not I. I'm pretty solidly in the "chief executive" camp — I don't look to any elected official for guidance regarding matters of the soul, heart and spirit. Moral credibility isn't measured by someone's ability to win votes. I want a president who can smartly analyze situations and respond wisely — period.

Most workers, myself included, couldn't care less about the personal character of their company's chief executive. It would be fine if he or she is a nice person, prays, does charity work and tucks in the kids at night — but what I care about most are the business decisions that person makes. And if the CEO smokes, plays the ponies, has been divorced three times, eats high-cholesterol foods and has a henny on the side? It's not my concern — as long as the bottom line is growing, business is good, and the company itself is functioning in an ethical and lawful manner.

I'm not unmindful of character issues — I'm just selective about where I look for moral guidance. Election by voters or a board of

Character is optional

It would be great if the particular job-holder *also* were a decent human being. And it would be hard to overlook *extreme* character flaws — say, misogyny or virulent racist beliefs. But for most jobs — aside from, say, minister — character is optional. Only performance counts.

This could explain why the so-called "character issue" has so thoroughly perplexed Republicans, conservatives and pundits alike of late. Why, they ask in genuine amazement, hasn't the character issue turned the electorate against Bill Clinton?

Bob Dole's advisers have been urging him to attack Clinton's Achilles' heel — his character. Reluctantly, Dole has complied — but with little success.

The kinder analysts say the public doesn't fault Clinton because he is us — flawed, morally compromised, untrustworthy, etc. The more vicious commentators — arrogantly reserving virtue only for Clinton detractors — contend voters are simply stupid, ignorant or outright evil.

Both explanations are nonsense. The American public has proven to be fairly astute when it comes to evaluating moral character. We've learned — often the hard way — that despicable scoundrels can occupy any post, from president to police officer to teacher to minister.

A changed standard

I figure that since Watergate, the American people have scaled back their expectations of the presidency. We're now more comfortable thinking of the president as the country's chief executive than as its chief moral spokesperson. And that changes the character standard.

"Chief executive" voters are satisfied with Clinton. He's made few intemperate decisions, and no disastrous ones. He's adjusted to circumstances, changing his mind or shifting strategies as the occasion warranted. His tenure has seen generally good consequences: The economy is purring. Our international presence is stable. Most corporate boards would accept a chief executive with such a record.

Clinton clearly wobbles regarding character. Though he hasn't embarrassed the office itself — not yet, anyway — he clearly isn't considered an exemplary moral figure by most folks.

The "moral leader" voters

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October 23, 1996

TRANSMITTED VIA FACSIMILE

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Dear Mr. Ickes:

Thank you so much for taking the time to listen to me today and last night at the Biltmore Hotel. As per your request I shall attempt to summarize our conversation.

I became a widow in 1982 at the age of 27, at which time I started my own aircraft charter business with the life insurance money I received. I was issued all the appropriate licenses from the U.S. Treasury Department, received approval from the Department of State, and started humanitarian family visits flights for Cuban Americans wishing to visit their families in Cuba. I have been doing this now for 15 years.

As you know, when the Cuban government shot down the two Brothers to the Rescue airplanes, the President ordered no more direct flights to Cuba. We then had to commence transporting our passengers through a third country and board them onto Cubana Airlines or any other foreign carrier that was available (not many).

At the time of the President's order, we were flying to Cuba on all U.S. registered aircraft including United Airlines. Currently, all the monies that were previously being used to pay U.S. companies are being paid to foreign companies including Cubana Airlines, a Cuban government owned airline. This order not only increased the cost to our passengers, but it also forced them into the potentially dangerous situation of having U.S. citizens traveling on the ill maintained Cuban aircraft.

I would also like to emphasize that we transport approximately 100,000 (one hundred thousand) passengers to Cuba a year. It is important to realize that the majority of Cuban Americans currently residing in Miami are those who left the island after 1980 and still have most of their

families in Cuba. These are the very same Cuban Americans I have been working closely with, encouraging them to register to vote and support the President. As you know, I believe that this election the President will be able to carry the Cuban American vote in Dade County. These passengers are mainly hard working factory workers that save their money in order to help their families in Cuba. Traveling through a third country only makes these visits costly for them. Especially now after Hurricane Lili, our passengers are eager to help their families in Cuba, something I think the President would advocate since it promotes more people to people contact.

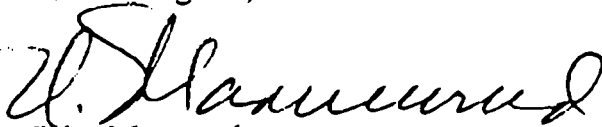
In the fifteen years I have been in business, no other U.S. President has ever interrupted the humanitarian family visits flights. In the past three years, the President initially prohibited all family visits which resulted in the 60,000 Cuban Americans who traveled to Cuba illegally. Subsequently, once the President reinstated the family visits, he did so with the provision that the passenger only be permitted to travel once a year. Since the commencement of the family visits 15 years ago, only Fidel Castro had tried to prohibit the flights. Quite frankly he is uncomfortable with too much people to people contact.

Allow me to reiterate that I support the President because I clearly know that he is the right choice for our country. He has made a decision that not only has affected my business to the point of loosing everything I have achieved in the past fifteen years, but also he has hurt the Cuban American community that visits family in Cuba and that are strong supporters of the President.

I appreciate your taking the time on this issue. As I previously mentioned, I believe that there exists no safety threats in allowing the direct flights. If indeed there were a safety issue, I am sure there would have been some governmental prohibition additionally denying American Airlines, United Airlines, etc. from flying over Cuba while servicing their routes to South America.

Again, I extend my thanks to you and I look forward to seeing you on victory day!

Warmest Regards,



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President
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October 11, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR HAROLD ICKES

DOUG SOSNIK

CRAIG SMITH

FROM: ALEXIS HERMAN
SUZANNA VALDEZ

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CUBAN AMERICAN EVENTS IN MIAMI

Versailles Drop By --Versailles is an old establishment Cuban restaurant, in Little Havana. POTUS stopped by during the campaign in 1992. If the President were to drop by, he should be accompanied by family, Core Group members. This should not be an "event" it should be an OTR.

Victors Drop By -- Victors is another Cuban restaurant, also in Little Havana. A fundraiser was held there by some of the members of the Core Group in 1992, where he also received several endorsements. Again, if he were to drop by, he should be accompanied by the same folks. It should also be an OTR .

Miami Dade Community College -- Largest community college in the country -- it may even be the most diverse. Largest African American and Hispanic enrollment in the country. Secretaries Riley and Brown have spoken there. Over 30,000 student population. This large student population offers an opportunity to highlight accomplishments and proposals, particularly those that offer tax benefits to students attending.
(Education, minimum wage, loans, scholarships)

Seniors Housing: This is an important issue to the community's elderly population, especially those that are government subsidized. This is a particularly vulnerable constituency for the Republicans, especially after their congressional proposals threatening cuts to programs like medicare. There are many senior housing complexes in Miami that have predominately Hispanic and African American communities.

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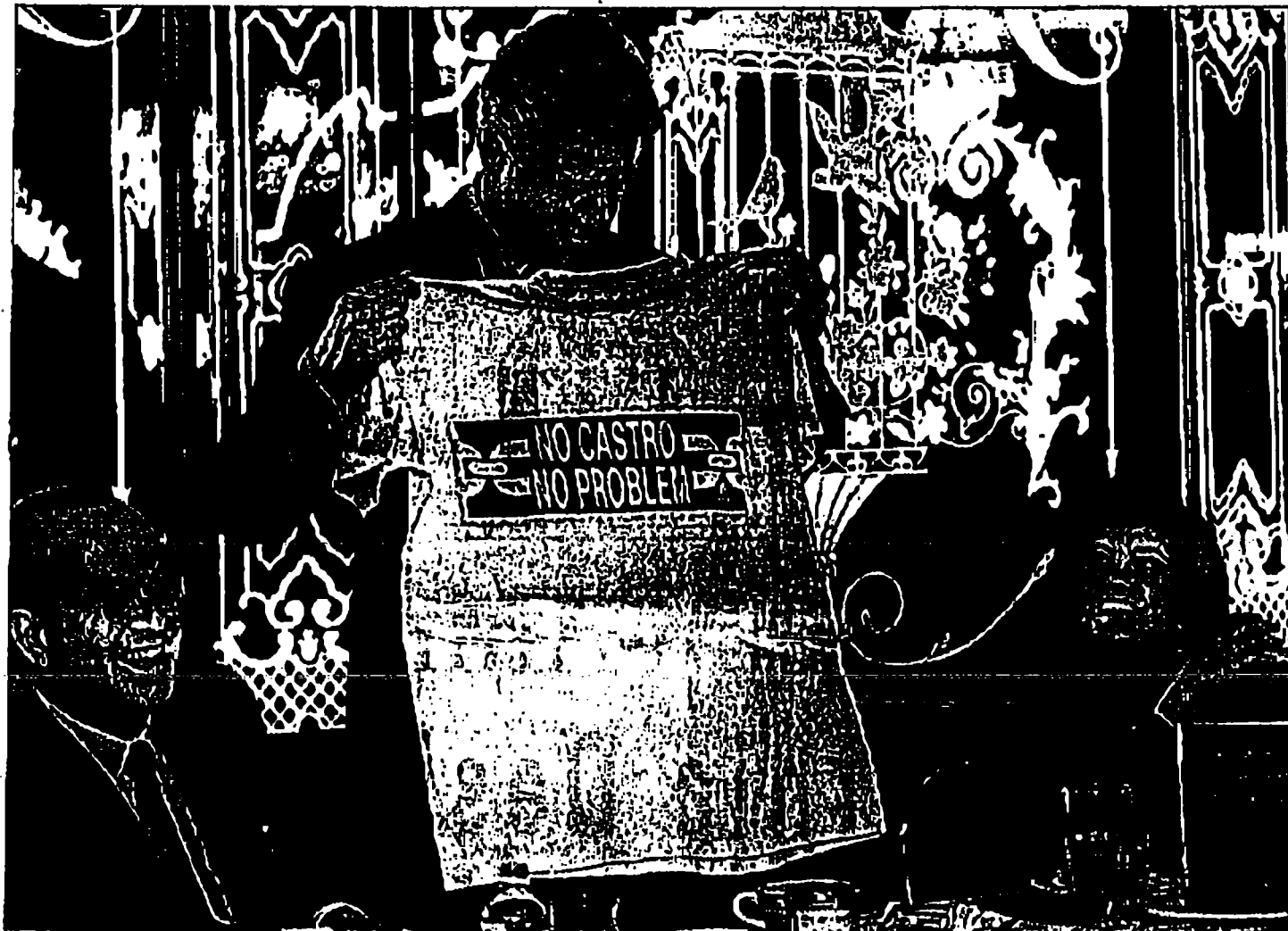


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President Clinton, flanked by Paul Cejas and Maria Victoria Arias-Rodham, displays a T-shirt given to him during a dinner at Versailles, a restaurant in Little Havana.

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Clinton reaches for Cuban vote

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to Suzanne
for Dave

Nuevo Herald

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Clinton se 'aplatana'



CANDACE BARBOT / El Nuevo Herald

El presidente Bill Clinton sonríe cuando se prueba una camiseta en el

EL NUEVO HERALD
JUEVES 24 DE OCTUBRE DE 1996

Por CYNTHIA CORZO
Redactora de El Nuevo Herald

Con una camiseta en sus manos que decía *No Castro, No Problem*, el presidente Bill Clinton prometió el miércoles por la madrugada a un grupo de prominentes cubanoamericanos reunidos en el restaurante Versailles que continuará esforzándose por llevar la democracia a Cuba.

En un ambiente festivo entre líderes locales y activistas demócratas y republicanos, Clinton probó bocaditos cubanos, tomó café con leche, escuchó con interés múltiples opiniones sobre

la situación en Cuba y dio su apoyo al envío de ayuda humanitaria a los damnificados del huracán Lili en la isla.

"Los cubanos lo necesitan ahora", dijo Clinton a El Nuevo Herald acerca de la ayuda. "La Iglesia está en una posición de asegurar que todo se distribuya efectivamente".

Durante casi una hora, Clinton intercambió ideas y opiniones con personalidades de la comunidad como el banquero Bernardo Benes; los líderes de la Fundación Nacional Cubano Americana, Jorge Mas Canosa y Fran-

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Clinton promete llevar democracia a Cuba

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cisco "Pepe" Hernández; los empresarios Manolo Reboso y Paul Cejas, y el dirigente demócrata Simón Ferro, entre otros.

"Hizo un compromiso firme de su respaldo a la mudanza de Radio y TV Martí para Miami y prometió tratar de usar la alta tecnología para que el pueblo cubano vea TV Martí", dijo Mas. "El hombre fue receptivo".

Mientras desfilaban por el salón los camareros con bandejas de croquetas, yuca frita, mariquitas con mojo y postres, Clinton conversaba calladamente de grupo en grupo. Durante un rato presidió una de las mesas de los invitados a la reunión.

"Parece que le gusta la oportunidad de relacionarse así y venir a La Pequeña Habana", dijo Annie Betancourt, representante estatal demócrata. "Tuvimos oportunidad de hablar con él en un ambiente relajado, no en la tensión de un ambiente formal".

Alguien le regaló a Clinton una camiseta con la consigna "*No Castro, No Problem*" que rápidamente se puso por delante y llevó consigo a bordo del avión presi-

dencial.

Al ver la talla extra grande de la camiseta, Clinton comentó: "Me va a hacer falta después de todo lo que he comido aquí".

Otro invitado le hizo el chiste de un cubano que está pintando en un edificio de La Habana un cartel que reza: "Abajo F...". Al acercarse unos agentes de Seguridad de Estado le preguntan qué está escribiendo y el hombre responde: "El presidente de Estados Unidos, se llama Clinton o Clinton?".

La llegada de Clinton alborotó una tranquila noche en el restaurante de La Pequeña Habana. Decenas de comensales dejaron sus mesas y sus comidas para aglomerarse cerca del salón del fondo y saludar al Presidente.

Ensordecedores gritos de "Cuba, Cuba, Cuba" llenaron el restaurante cuando entró Clinton. Los que más cerca estaban de la entrada del salón aprovecharon para estrecharle la mano y darle algunos consejos: "Sea firme con Castro"; "ayude a Cuba"; "no nos abandone".

En el estacionamiento, simpatizantes de Clinton y partidarios del candidato republicano Bob

Dole competían para ver quién gritaba más.

Entre los vítores y las solicitudes de autógrafo que recibió, Clinton reconoció el aumento de popularidad que ha tenido entre los votantes cubanoamericanos que tradicionalmente han favorecido a los republicanos.

"Primeramente, las personas están viendo que he sido consistente con lo que prometí de aumentar la presión sobre el gobierno de Cuba", dijo Clinton. "También creo que están reaccionando en contra del ataque a los inmigrantes legales que ha propiciado la mayoría republicana".

Ya entrada la madrugada, Clinton se despidió de La Pequeña Habana y regresó al Hotel Biltmore en Coral Gables. Los asistentes a la reunión abandonaron el Versailles esperanzados ante la posibilidad de que Clinton gane el voto floridano.

"Fue muy positivo", dijo Herminio San Román, presidente de Comunicaciones Hispanas del Partido Demócrata de la Florida. "Vamos a ganar".

Republicans endorse Clinton

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Grupo de cubanos y republicanos anuncia decisión de votar por Clinton

■ Por primera vez en tres décadas, los cubanos exiliados darían amplio apoyo a un candidato demócrata.

Por CYNTHIA CORZO
Redactora de El Nuevo Herald

Un grupo de republicanos cubanoamericanos decidió cambiar temporalmente sus fidelidades políticas y anunciaron que el 5 de noviembre darán su voto al presidente demócrata Bill Clinton.

"Ese hombre sí que lo ha resuelto", dijo Luis Sabines, presidente de la Cámara de Comercio Latina de Miami, momentos antes de partir rumbo a Argentina.

El grupo de republicanos decidió que la política que ha llevado

Clinton durante su primera administración ha sido suficientemente efectiva como para reelegirlo.

"No ha habido un presidente que haya hecho lo que él ha hecho", dijo Lilia Urquiola, retirada de 75 años. "Yo he seguido bien la forma de él. La economía ha subido y ha luchado por los viejos y por la familia".

El único desacuerdo entre Urquiola y Clinton: el aborto. Intensamente religiosa, Urquiola se opone al aborto y Clinton favorece el derecho de libre elección de la mujer.

"Si no hubiera ese problema, sería perfecto", dijo Urquiola.

La abogada Mikki Cantón, del bufete Holland & Knight, ha seguido de cerca la plataforma de Clinton y quedó sumamente impresionada.

"Ha sido un proceso de ver su actuación, de ver cómo ha respondido a problemas domésticos, a crisis a nivel mundial", dijo Cantón. "Ha demostrado una posición moderada sobre la mayoría de los temas. Me gusta su agenda".

El martes, Cantón fue una de las personas que recibió a Clinton en la pista del Aeropuerto Internacional de Miami.

"Fue algo impresionante", dijo Cantón. "Tiene un porte muy agradable. Parece genuinamente amable".

Recientes encuestas han sacado a relucir que por primera vez en tres décadas los exiliados cubanos darán amplio apoyo a un candidato demócrata.

Una encuesta realizada por WLTU-Canal 23 a principios de octubre indicó que 41 por ciento

de los votantes cubanos entrevistados prefieren ver reelegido a Clinton que votar por el republicano Bob Dole.

Otra, realizada por la empresa Mason-Dixon, reveló que entre los votantes cubanos, que compusieron el 7 por ciento de los 805 encuestados, el 25 por ciento dijo que prefería a Clinton.

"Hay muchas personas que van a votar por él que no son demócratas", dijo Cantón. "Yo no soy la única".

Para Antonia Domínguez el factor decisivo fue Cuba.

"Clinton ha sido firme. Aprobó [la ley] Helms-Burton, promete continuar con mano dura contra [Fidel] Castro", dijo Domínguez, ama de casa de 54 años. "Mi esperanza es que en estos próximos cuatro años será más efectivo".

Advierte líder republicano que ayuda de exiliados podría terminar fortaleciendo a la dictadura de Castro

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diferencias entre Clinton y el candidato republicano, Bob Dole, sobre el tema del envío de la ayuda a Cuba, el señor Barbour dijo que "las organizaciones gubernamentales cubanas no deben tocarlas".

El activista demócrata de Dade, Herminio San Román, declaró hoy que con su reciente visita a Miami, Clinton ha demostrado que "no está dispuesto a conceder ni un solo voto cubano ante Dole". Además, los demócratas locales se encuentran entusiasmados por la posibilidad de ob- su primera victoria presidencial en décadas, terminando con la hegemonía republicana.

"Recuerden que hay una gran diferencia entre lo que Clinton ha dicho y lo que ha hecho. Miren cuáles han sido sus políticas a Cuba. Ahora mismo acaba de negarle a la Fundación Nacional Cubano Americana (FNCA) la continuación del programa Exodo", aseguró Barbour.

Pero los líderes principales de la fundación, Jorge Más Canosa y Pepe Hernández estuvieron entre las personas que acompañaron a Clinton durante su visita a Miami e incluso fueron invitados a estar junto a él en el Versalles.

También el dirigente republicano recordó el nombramiento de Clinton del senador ultraliberal, Christopher Dodd, como presidente del Comité Nacional Demócrata, a quien describió como "un aliado de Fidel Castro y contra los movimientos libertarios de Centroamérica".

Existe el rumor en Connecti-

cutt que si Clinton es electo presidente podría ser nombrado como Secretario de Estado en vez de Warren Christopher", aseguró el señor Barbour.

El presidente del CNR arremetió frontalmente a Clinton, recordando que la Florida "es un estado que particularmente ha sufrido" por el recorte de los fondos para la lucha contra la droga, lo que se ha manifestado en un incremento de la delincuencia juvenil.

"Clinton ha cortado en un 50% los gastos para combatir las drogas, pero ha aceptado contribuciones de narcotraficantes convictos como los 20.000 dólares de Jorge Cabrera", dijo Barbour.

El Comité Nacional Demócrata ha accedido a devolver el donativo de Cabrera, el cual fue denunciado por Dulce Cuétara, activista republicana de Kendall que aspira a derrotar a la representante estatal demócrata Annie Betancourt.

Adicionalmente, Cabrera ha dicho que el gobierno del presidente Clinton se niega a hacer caso de su denuncia sobre la participación directa de funcionarios de la dictadura cubana en el narcotráfico.

También Barbour denunció el hecho de que unos 10.000 criminales convictos habían sido inscritos como ciudadanos estadounidenses en los últimos meses como parte de otra estrategia de Clinton para ganar adeptos "Esto nunca había ocurrido en este país", afirmó el presidente del CNR.

Advierte líder republicano que ayuda de exiliados podría terminar fortaleciendo a la dictadura de Castro

Por HORACIO RUIZ PAVON

"El presidente Bill Clinton es el más grande actor que ha visto la escena política norteamericana, capaz hasta de llorar con toda facilidad y está diciendo todo lo que la comunidad cubanoamericana quiere oír únicamente con propósitos electorales", afirmó este miércoles por la mañana el presidente del Comité Nacional Republicano, Haley Barbour en conferencia de prensa por teléfono con periodistas del sur de la Florida.

Barbour descargó sus críticas cuando el

avión presidencial de Clinton acababa de despegar del aeropuerto de Miami, en donde el mandatario pernoctó después de ir a comer bocadillos cubanos en el popular restaurante "Versalles" de la Calle Ocho, casi a la medianoche.

"Tomó café con leche y comió flan y mariquitas", dijo San Román esta mañana.

Comentando la autorización que Clinton acaba de dar para el envío de toneladas de donaciones recopiladas por el exilio cubano a los

damnificados del huracán "Lili" en Cuba, Barbour dijo que esta ayuda "no puede convertirse en un instrumento para fortalecer el control del régimen de Fidel Castro sobre el pueblo".

"No podemos permitir que Castro ponga una mano sobre esa ayuda. Debe ser distribuida de iglesia a iglesia", aseguró el dirigente republicano.

Pidiéndosele que especificara cuáles son las

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NOTICIA

MIAMI Y FLORIDA

Miami, Florida, Jueves 24 de Octubre de

Al Cárdenas ratifica posición

Por LUIS FELIPE MARSANS

Al Cárdenas, Presidente de la Campaña Dole-Kemp en la Florida, dijo a DIARIO LAS AMÉRICAS que los republicanos del sur de la Florida, en líneas generales, ratifican su posición de apoyo a la candidatura de su partido.

"Creo que elegir la candidatura Clinton-Gore sería volver a los problemas que tenía el país en los años de 1970, y los republicanos estamos firmes en

nuestra perspectiva", aseguró Cárdenas.

Las declaraciones de Cárdenas responden en alguna medida a otras hechas a este periódico en la edición anterior a esta por la abogado Mikki Cantón, de Republicanos por Clinton, en el



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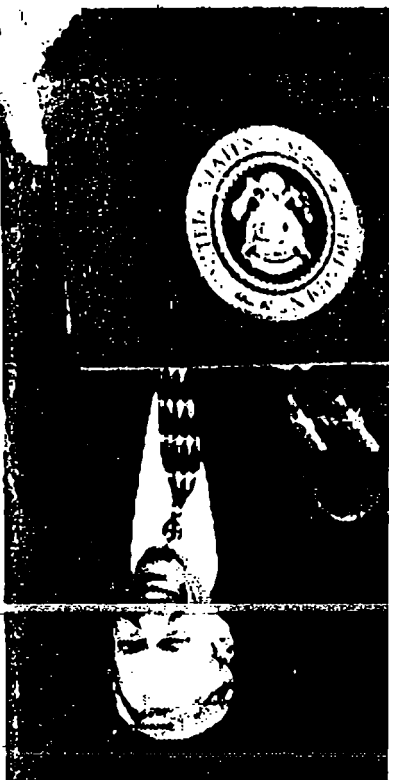
sentido de que Clinton ofrecía una panorámica positiva para los republicanos, al igual que para los demócratas.

"Realmente, conozco a Mikki Cantón y la respaldé profesional, pero sé que ella sea republicana, su

A través de su comparecencia de más de media hora de duración, el Presidente Bill Clinton defendió su plataforma de gobierno, en lo que respecta a la reducción del crimen, la inver-

que ella había estudiado.

El, aparecen, de izquierda a derecha: Bill Clinton, la Congresista Carolyn Ch- nador de la Florida, Lawton Ch- (ron) y, a la extrema derecha, el Juddy McKay. (Foto GORT).



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Clinton ofrece impulsar educación de los inmigr

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titución, y personas que venían en sus automóviles desde diversos puntos de la ciudad y el Estado, para expresarle su apoyo al Clinton, y escuchar sus ideas y promesas respecto a la educación superior en el futuro.

Pero no fue hasta muy cerca de las seis de la tarde que el mandatario arribó, acompañado por el Presidente del Miami Dade Community College, Dr. Eduardo Padrón; el Gobernador de la Florida, Lawton Chiles; el Vicegobernador, Buddy McKay; la Congresista, Carrie Meek; y el presidente de la Asociación de Estudiantes de la misma institución educacional, Gerome Sawyer, a quien correspondió presentar al presidente Clinton.

Mientras tanto, la multitud que esperaba de pie, bajo un fuerte sol, gritaba incesantemente "Queremos a Bill", y "4 años más", en presencia de decenas de camarógrafos de la televisión nacional y local, y de periodistas de todo el mundo; escuchando los ritmos del flautista Nestor Torres y su conjunto musical.

"El problema que tenemos es que los estudiantes que provienen de países donde se habla otra lengua, no pueden leer los libros, pero yo voy a hacer posible que un millón de personas se dediquen a enseñar inglés en las casas, para que cualquier niño, a la edad de ocho años, pueda



La foto recoge el momento en que el presidente del Miami Dade Community College, doctor Eduardo Padrón, abría el masivo acto donde compareció el Primer Mandatario de la Nación, William Jefferson Clinton, en el Recinto Norte de esa institución

educacional. Concha, el Presidente Carrie Meek, el Gobernador Chiles (detrás de Padrón), el Vicegobernador, i

propuesta de su contrincante republicano de eliminar el Departamento de Educación, y dijo que "ésta no es una organización burocrática, sino el lugar donde vienen los estudiantes a fomentar su educación para el futuro".

americano esté más vivo que aquí, en un plantel donde vienen muchachos de todas las clases y etnias en busca de un futuro", precisó el doctor Eduardo Padrón.

Buddy McKay, por su parte, se-

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Q&As for President's Briefing Book for Miami Trip

Hurricane Lili: What is the USG doing to help the victims of the hurricane?

- ⑥ Cuban-Americans' outpouring of sympathy and generosity for the victims are testimony to this community's goodness. Many thousands of dollars of goods have been donated, and Bishop Roman is working with the Cuban Catholic Church to facilitate distribution.
- Administration is expeditiously processing applications for licenses to send emergency humanitarian aid -- in accordance with U.S. law. We want to expedite help to the Cuban people, not the Castro Government.

TV/Radio Marti: The chairman of the USG Broadcasting Board of Governors (David Burke) said on "60 Minutes" the move of Radio and TV Marti to Miami was ill-advised and that Cuban-Americans had too much influence on the stations. Is that your view?

- I have consistently supported broadcasting to Cuba. Radio Marti is an extremely valuable channel of objective information that the Cuban people are denied under Castro.
- Congress mandated the move to Miami, and the Administration has acted rapidly and in good faith to carry out the relocation as expeditiously and cost-effectively as possible.
- Radio and TV Marti have a clear mandate to adhere to the same high standards as the Voice of America. I am confident that this high standard will be maintained.

Helms-Burton: What are you doing to implement the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act?

- I want to use this law to promote democracy in Cuba, as its drafters intended.
- My envoy for the Promotion of Democracy in Cuba, Ambassador Stu Eizenstat, has worked tirelessly with our allies to build an international consensus for concrete steps to promote peaceful, democratic transition in Cuba. In January, based on the concrete results of this effort, I will determine whether or not to further waive the

right to file suit under Title III of the law for another six months .

- Ambassador Eizenstat has stayed in close touch with the Cuban-American community -- consulting with civic leaders here (in Miami) last week -- and will travel to Europe again this week. I understand Ambassador Madeline Albright, who is also advising me on Cuba democracy, has been here to seek your input recently as well.
- In addition, the Administration has pushed ahead with Title IV of the law, under which foreign businessmen benefiting from expropriated U.S. properties in Cuba have been barred from entering the U.S.

Welfare Reform: What will the Administration due to reverse the adverse effects of the recently enacted welfare bill on Cuban nationals in the U.S.?

- When I signed the bill, I stated my opposition to the harsh immigrant provisions and will seek to correct them in the next Congress. The negative impact on Cuban and Haitian elderly is especially troubling.
- In the meantime, we will work with the State of Florida to protect those most affected.

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Miami, Florida

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 [flight time: 10 minutes]
 OPEN PRESS

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7:25 am **THE PRESIDENT** departs Andrews Air Force Base via Air Force
 One en route Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida
 [flight time: 2 hours, 10 minutes]

9:35 am **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Miami International Airport, Miami,
 Florida
 OPEN PRESS

Greeters: General Barry McCaffrey
 Representative Ileana Ros Lehtinen
 Lt. Governor Buddy McKay
 Attorney General Robert Butterworth
 Vice Mayor Wilfredo Gort, Miami
 State Senator Daryl Jones

NOTE: Thirteen members of the "Drug Free Youth In Town" will greet the President.

9:50 am

THE PRESIDENT departs Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida via motorcade en route the George Washington Carver Middle School, Gables, Florida
[drive time: 20 minutes]

10:10 am

THE PRESIDENT arrives the George Washington Carver Middle School, Miami, Florida

Greeters: Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, Executive Director, Miami Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Community
Tad Foote, President, University of Miami
Aaron Podhurst, Executive Vice President Miami Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Community
Marilyn Culp, Executive Director, Miami Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Community

10:20 am-

11:20 am

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 1996 NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY
ATHLETIC FIELD
George Washington Carver Middle School
Remarks: David Shipley
Staff Contact: Rahm Emanuel, Dennis Burke
Event Coordinator: Nicole Elkon
OPEN PRESS

PRE-PROGRAM

- Ms. Pegri Heise, Principal, George Washington Carver Middle School, makes opening remarks and introduces Secretary Robert Rubin, Department of Treasury
- Secretary Robert Rubin makes remarks.

- Off-stage announcement of the President, accompanied by General Barry McCaffrey and Rachel Bearne.
- Attorney General Janet Reno makes remarks and introduces General Barry McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.
- General Barry McCaffrey makes remarks and introduces Rachel Bearne, Member, "Drug-Free Youth In Town".
- Rachel Bearne makes remarks, introduces the President and presents him with a t-shirt.

- The President makes remarks.
- Upon conclusion of remarks, the President works a ropeline and departs.

11:30 am **THE PRESIDENT** departs the George Washington Carver Middle School, Miami, Florida via motorcade en route the Biltmore Hotel, Miami, Florida
[drive time: 15 minutes]

11:45 am **THE PRESIDENT** arrives the Biltmore Hotel, Miami, Florida

Greeters: Gene Prescott, Owner, Biltmore Hotel

NOTE: When the President in the hotel, all elevators stop at the 10th floor. Staff must use the stairs to access the 12th and 15th floors. The staff hold is in room 1500. The staff office is in room 1203.

11:50 am- **DOWN TIME**
4:40 pm **PRESIDENTIAL SUITE**
 The Biltmore Hotel

4:45 pm- **BRIEFING**
4:50 pm **PRESIDENTIAL SUITE**
 The Biltmore Hotel
Staff Contact: Alexis Herman, Suzanna Valdez

4:50 pm- **GREETING WITH THE VICTIMS' FAMILIES**
5:10 pm **ROOM 1201**
 The Biltmore Hotel
Staff Contact: Alexis Herman, Suzanna Valdez
CLOSED PRESS

- The President enters the room.
- Ricardo Mendez makes brief remarks.
- The President responds.
- The President departs.

5:15 pm- **BRIEFING**
5:20 pm **PRESIDENTIAL SUITE**
 The Biltmore Hotel
Staff Contact: Katie McGinty

5:25 pm-
5:55 pm

**MEETING ON EVERGLADES RESTORATION
EISENHOWER SUITE**

The Biltmore Hotel

Staff Contact: Katie McGinty

Event Coordinator: Nicole Elkon

CLOSED PRESS

- The President, accompanied by Lt. Governor Buddy McKay, enters the room.
- Lt. Governor Buddy McKay makes welcoming remarks and introduces the President.
- The President makes brief remarks.
- A brief discussion begins.
- Lt. Governor Buddy McKay concludes the discussion.
- The President departs.

5:55 pm

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to the Granada Room

Greeters: Senator Christopher Dodd, Co-Chairman, Democratic National Committee
Marvin Rosen, Finance Director, Democratic National Committee
Scott Pastrick, Treasurer, Democratic National Committee

6:00 pm-
6:45 pm

**RECEPTION FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
COMMITTEE**

GRANADA ROOM

The Biltmore Hotel

Staff Contact: Doug Sosnik

Event Coordinator: Nicole Elkon

CLOSED PRESS

- The President does a photo receiving line with 140 guests.

6:50 pm-
7:00 pm

**CELEBRATION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE BILTMORE HOTEL**

MAJORCA ROOM

The Biltmore Hotel

Staff Contact: Doug Sosnik

Event Coordinator: Nicole Elkon

CLOSED PRESS

7:05 pm-
7:10 pm

**POLICE PHOTOS
HALLWAY
The Biltmore Hotel**

7:10 pm-
8:20 pm

**DINNER FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
COMMITTEE
THE COURTYARD
The Biltmore Hotel
Remarks: Gabrielle Bushman
Staff Contact: Doug Sosnik
Event Coordinator: Nicole Elkon
POOL PRESS**

- Off-stage announcement of the President, accompanied by Senator Christopher Dodd, Co-Chairman, Democratic National Committee, Marvin Rosen, Finance Director, Democratic National Committee and Lt. Governor Buddy McKay.
- Marvin Rosen makes remarks and introduces Senator Christopher Dodd.
- Senator Christopher Dodd makes remarks and introduces Lt. Governor Buddy McKay.
- Lt. Governor Buddy McKay makes remarks and introduces the President.
- The President makes remarks.
- Upon conclusion of remarks, the President works a ropeline and departs.

8:25 pm-
8:30 pm

**DRIVER PHOTOS
HALLWAY
The Biltmore Hotel**

8:35 pm-
8:40 pm

**DNC VOLUNTEER PHOTOS
HALLWAY
The Biltmore Hotel**

8:45 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs the Biltmore Hotel via motorcade en route private residence, South Miami, Florida
[drive time: 15 minutes]

9:00 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives private residence, South Miami, Florida

Greeter: Mrs. Rosen

9:00 pm-
10:30 pm

**DINNER FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
COMMITTEE**

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

Staff Contact: Doug Soanik

Event Coordinator: Nicole Elkon

CLOSED PRESS

- The President does a photo receiving line with 45 guests.
- Dinner is served.
- Marvin Rosen, Finance Director, Democratic National Committee, makes remarks and introduces the President.
- The President makes remarks.
- Upon conclusion of remarks, the President departs.

10:35 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs private residence, South Miami, Florida via motorcade en route Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida [drive time: 15 minutes]

10:50 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida

11:05 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida via Air Force One en route Andrews Air Force Base [flight time: 2 hours, 5 minutes]

1:10 am

THE PRESIDENT arrives Andrews Air Force Base

1:25 am

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1:35 am

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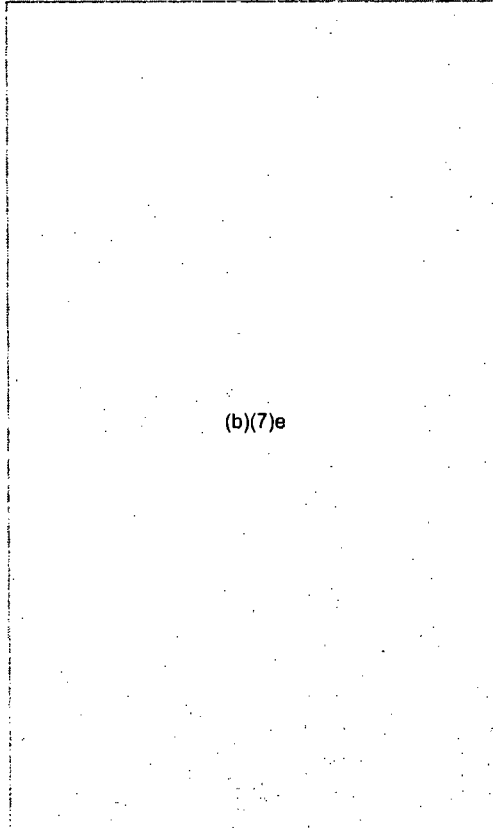
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9:50 am

THE PRESIDENT departs Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida via motorcade en route the George Washington Carver Middle School, Gables, Florida
[drive time: 20 minutes]



10:10 am

THE PRESIDENT arrives the George Washington Carver Middle School, Miami, Florida

Greeters: Ms. Heise, Principal, George Washington Carver Middle School
Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin
Tod Foote, President, University of Miami
Aaron Podhurst, Executive Vice President Miami Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Community
Marilyn Culp, Executive Director, Miami Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Community

10:20 am-
11:20 am

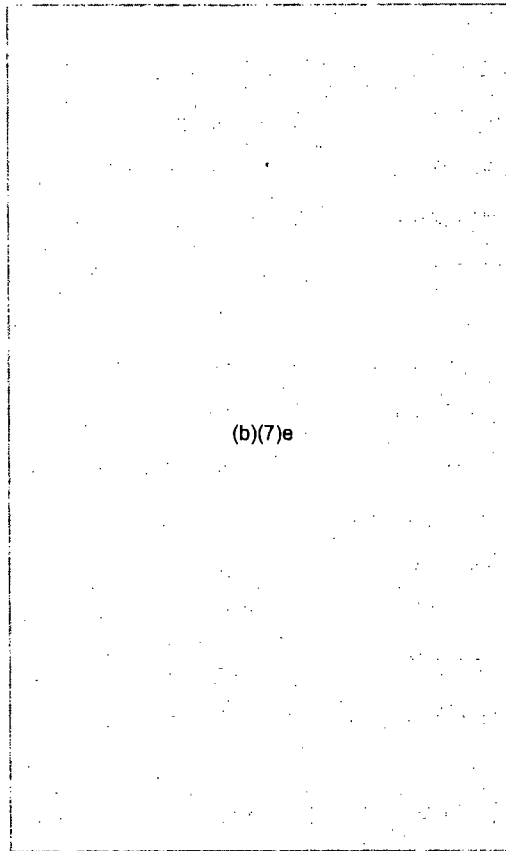
**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 1996 NATIONAL DRUG
CONTROL STRATEGY
ATHLETIC FIELD
George Washington Carver Middle School
Remarks: David Shipley
Staff Contact: Rahm Emanuel, Dennis Burke
Event Coordinator: Nicole Elkon
OPEN PRESS**

PRE-PROGRAM	
--	Ms. Pregri Heise, Principal, George Washington Carver Middle School, makes opening remarks and introduces Secretary Robert Rubin, Department of Treasury
--	Secretary Robert Rubin makes remarks.

- Attorney General Janet Reno makes remarks and introduces General Barry McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.
- General Barry McCaffrey makes remarks and introduces Rachel Bearne, Member, "Drug-Free Youth In Town".
- Rachel Bearne makes remarks and introduces the President.
- The President makes remarks.
- Upon conclusion of remarks, the President works a ropeline and departs.

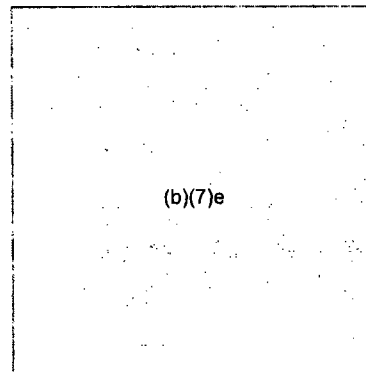
11:30 am

THE PRESIDENT departs the George Washington Carver Middle School, Miami, Florida via motorcade en route the Biltmore Hotel, Miami, Florida
[drive time: 15 minutes]



11:45 am

THE PRESIDENT arrives the Biltmore Hotel, Miami, Florida



11:50 am-
5:00 pm

DOWN TIME
PRESIDENTIAL SUITE
The Biltmore Hotel

5:05 pm-
5:15 pm

**BRIEFING
PRESIDENTIAL SUITE
The Biltmore Hotel**

5:20 pm-
5:55 pm

**MEETING ON EVERGLADES RESTORATION
ROOM TBA
The Biltmore Hotel
Staff Contact: Katie McGinty
Event Coordinator: Nicole Elkon
CLOSED PRESS**

5:55 pm

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to the Majorca Room

Greeters: Senator Christopher Dodd, Co-Chairman, Democratic
National Committee
Marvin Rosen, Finance Director, Democratic National
Committee
Scott Pastrick, Treasurer, Democratic National
Committee

6:00 pm-
6:10 pm

**MEET AND GREET WITH DINNER SPONSORS
MAJORCA ROOM
The Biltmore Hotel
Staff Contact: Doug Sosnik
Event Coordinator: Nicole Elkon
CLOSED PRESS**

6:15 pm-
7:00 pm

**RECEPTION FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
COMMITTEE
GRANADA ROOM
The Biltmore Hotel
Staff Contact: Doug Sosnik
Event Coordinator: Nicole Elkon
CLOSED PRESS**

-- **The President** does a photo receiving line with 140 guests.

7:10 pm-
8:20 pm

**DINNER FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
COMMITTEE
THE COURTYARD
The Biltmore Hotel
Remarks: Gabrielle Bushman
Staff Contact: Doug Sosnik
Event Coordinator: Nicole Elkon
POOL PRESS**

- Off-stage announcement of the **President**, accompanied by Senator Christopher Dodd, Co-Chairman, Democratic National Committee, Marvin Rosen, Finance Director, Democratic National Committee and Lt. Governor Buddy McKay.
- Marvin Rosen makes remarks and introduces Senator Christopher Dodd.
- Senator Christopher Dodd makes remarks and introduces Lt. Governor Buddy McKay.
- Lt. Governor Buddy McKay makes remarks and introduces the **President**.
- **The President** makes remarks.
- Upon conclusion of remarks, the **President** works a ropeline and departs.

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8:30 pm

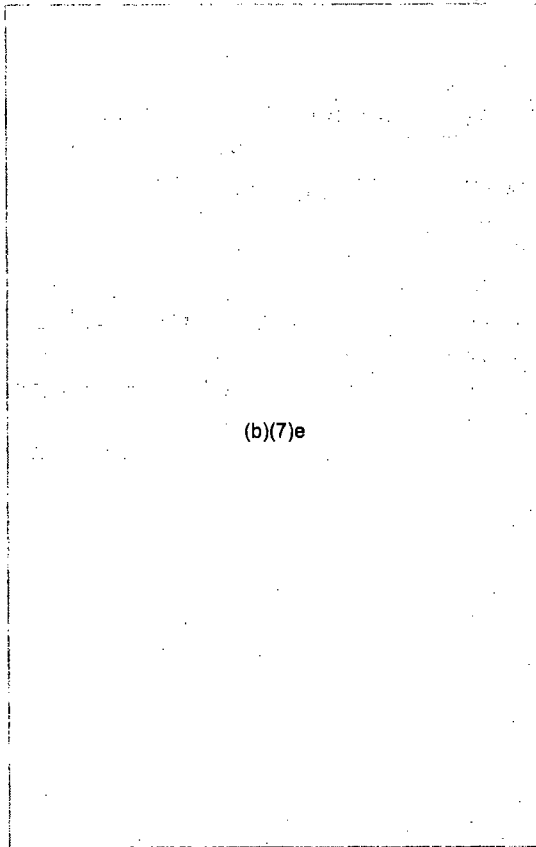
**POLICE/DRIVER PHOTOS
HALLWAY
The Biltmore Hotel**

8:35 pm-
8:40 pm

**DNC VOLUNTEER PHOTOS
HALLWAY
The Biltmore Hotel**

8:45 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs the Biltmore Hotel via motorcade en route private residence, South Miami, Florida
[drive time: 15 minutes]



9:00 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives private residence, South Miami, Florida

Greeter: Mrs. Rosen

9:00 pm-
10:15 pm

**DINNER FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
COMMITTEE**

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

Staff Contact: Doug Sosnik

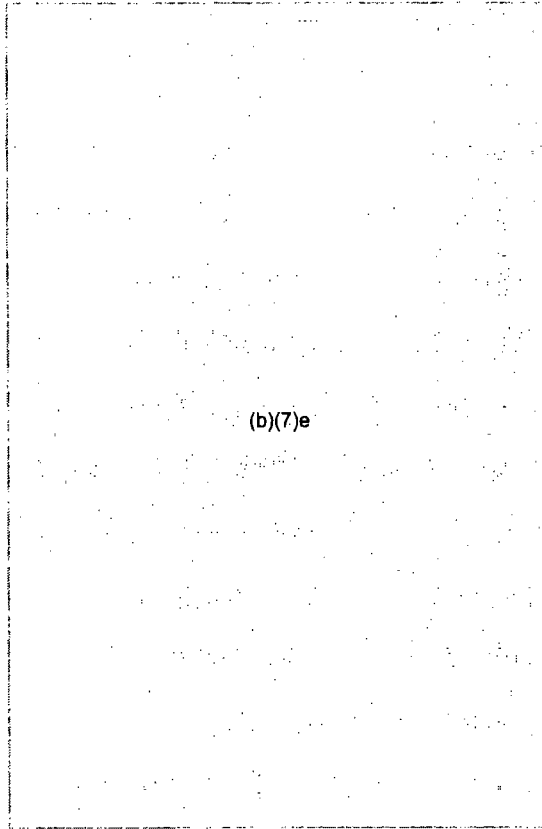
Event Coordinator: Nicole Elkon

CLOSED PRESS

- **The President** does a photo receiving line with 45 guests.
- Marvin Rosen, Finance Chair, Democratic National Committee, makes remarks and introduces the **President**.
- **The President** makes remarks.
- Upon conclusion of remarks, the **President** departs.

10:25 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs private residence, South Miami, Florida via motorcade en route Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida [drive time: 15 minutes]



10:40 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida

10:55 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida via Air Force One en route Andrews Air Force Base [flight time: 2 hours, 5 minutes]

1:00 am

THE PRESIDENT arrives Andrews Air Force Base

1:15 am

THE PRESIDENT departs Andrews Air Force Base via Marine One en route the White House [flight time: 10 minutes]

1:25 am

THE PRESIDENT arrives the White House

BC AND HRC RON

THE WHITE HOUSE

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 27, 1996
TO: Perez, Braceras, Simon, & Herminio
FROM: Jorge L. Bolanos
RE: Meeting with Alexis Herman and Suzanna Valdez
CC: Hon. Buddy McKay

Topics to be discussed/recommendations

1. The President has gained a lot over the last three weeks but his "credibility and most of all the sincerity of the "Democrats" is still suspected."
 - We must educate every one close to the Administration to keep dissenting opinions to themselves. We can loose everything overnight by one careless statement.
2. We feel that a significant increase in votes for the President is achievable as long as the current policies are continued, and visibly supported while stressing
 - Punishing Castro not the people of Cuba.
 - Support for Human Rights.
 - Support for Humanitarian Assistance through **bona-fide** NGO's
 - Denounce incarceration of members of the "Concilio"
 - Etc.
3. Concern over Paul Cejas links to Mannured/Aruca
 - These people are known "Agents of Influence" for Castro.
 - Dinner in Boca Raton with the Vice President should be canceled.
4. Concern over perception that Paul Cejas is representing all the members of the "Core Group" when he has never been delegated to do so.
 - Clearly establish that his opinions do not represent those of Perez, Braceras, Simon, Herminio or mine.
 - Cejas and Maria Elena Torano personal initiatives with Cuban representatives and agents where done without our knowledge, participation or consent.
5. Recommend that Rich Nuccio's position be eliminated and substituted with a "political liaison".
 - Concern that Ray Ruga still is not experience enough to handle the task nor has the "image" or "credibility" required. Maybe temporarily appoint Simon to

that position to coordinate through the election and Presidential inauguration. Ray should stay together with Simon to inherit the skills and contacts.

- Ray should also be developed to handle the younger Miami born Cuban-Americans, whose political participation will increase in the next 8 years.
6. Discuss a third round of "bridge meetings" with key business, academic, political and persons with military expertise (only former US trained officers).
 - Expand base
 - Follow a compressed "American Assembly" model of the University of Columbia.
 - 5 Regular Meetings to bring ideas for discussion.
 - 1 Day Retreat to reach consensus.
 7. Every months and until the elections we need to schedule "significant events" that can attract the attention of the local media.
 - At the President's gala next April 29, on the Vice President visit to Boca Raton on April 11 and also in the First Lady visit include strong language on Cuba in their speeches.
 8. Schedule "briefings" from "visible" members of the Administration at least once a month alternating DC and Miami, where we can invite key community leaders to be "part of the process".
 9. Develop a clear protocol to:
 - communicate with the "core group"
 - handle in an organized and controlled fashion all political activities and significant visitors,
 - respond to future crisis and
 - expand the base.
 10. Commitment to develop local democratic leadership.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ray Ruga, Jorge Bolaños, Paul Cejas, Lula Rodriguez
FROM: Frank Calzon
DATE: March 20, 1996

URGENT!!!URGENT!!!!URGENT!!!

I had a phone call a few minutes ago inviting me to attend a function tomorrow at the OAS where First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will speak about her recent trip to Latin America.

This could be an excellent opportunity for the First Lady to include in her remarks some reference about the human rights situation in Cuba especially the plight of women and female political prisoners.

Perhaps one of you could ask the First Lady to give serious consideration to including something along the following in her remarks.

[at the appropriate juncture in her speech]

...and of course, there is the tragedy of Cuba. At a time when men and women throughout the hemisphere gather in political parties, professional, civic and religious organizations, and labor unions to seek answers to the many problems still confronting their society, Cuban men and women who believe in the need for a peaceful, democratic alternative are harassed, threatened and imprisoned by their government.

The plight of women and children ought to be of special concern. If the situation of men serving long prison terms in Castro's jails is abominable, the plight of women in similar circumstances is even more so. The mistreatment of political dissidents is not limited to those imprisoned, their relatives are also the object of government repression. Mothers, wives and sisters are often forced to pass through the indignity of a strip search before and after visiting their loved ones in prison. And in a shameful attempt to acquire dollars to shore up his regime, Castro has been setting aside growing numbers of hospital beds for dollar paying foreigners as a way of acquiring hard currency while Cuban children wait in endless lists to be provided medical care.

The suffering of the Cuban people, like the suffering of Poles, Czechs and Hungarians under Communism, is a direct result of a government ideology that, in developing a "social experiment," treats human beings as laboratory specimens. Those of us in the outside world who have supported the transition to democracy in this hemisphere where the United States, has a single policy of promoting democracy and human rights from Haiti to Chile, can no longer ignore the cries for help of those Cubans who, after thirty-some years of dictatorship, would like to have the opportunity to determine their own destiny.

Those who give Havana the benefit of the doubt would like for the United States and the peoples of the Americas to make Cuba an exception in this hemisphere of Freedom. They are wrong. The continued mistreatment of Cuba's people by Fidel Castro's government is not an internal matter between the dictator and his victims, but an insult to every freedom loving person in the Americas.

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Positivo viaje de Clinton a Miami

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te Bill Clinton el
pasado lunes.

Durante doce horas Clinton desarrolló una intensa agenda que incluyó un vigoroso apoyo a la lucha contra las drogas, recibir a los familiares de las víctimas de Hermanos al Rescate, atender el proce-

so de restauración de los Everglades y presidir una cena de recaudación de fondos del Partido Demócrata que totalizó más de millón y medio de dólares para la campaña electoral de este año.

El Presidente tuvo palabras alentadoras para los



Bill Clinton

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FROM THE DESK OF ...

Luis Lauredo

**TRANSMITTAL
MEMO**

To: Suzanna Valdez

Date: 9/30/96

☐ PER DISCUSSION

☐ PER REQUEST

THE ATTACHED IS FOR YOUR:

☐ Approval ☐ Comments ☐ Signature ☒ Information

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Re: Cuba

EDITORIALS, 2L
JIM HAMPTON, 2L
DAVE LAWRENCE, 3L



MY DADDY, THE TEST TUBE

Commenting on the use of artificial insemination by single women:

"Rather than reinforcing the notion that marriage is an important prerequisite for child rearing, it communicates that marriage is unnecessary. Rather than reinforcing that two-parent families are the best environment within which to raise children, it says that, except for the donation of a single sperm, fathers are unnecessary as well. Meet the brave new world. . . .

"[Artificial insemination] essentially says that fatherhood is a biological act, not a social one. It says that fatherhood is a 'one shot deal,' not an enduring commitment. And it says that children can grow up very well, thank you, without a father in his or her life. Meet my daddy, the test tube."

Wade F. Horn

director, National Fatherhood Initiative,
in Fatherhood Today, a newsletter

SCHOOL CHOICE

"Even if all children were in private schools tomorrow, we'd still have an educational crisis on our hands. . . .

"Researchers who have looked at public and private school achievement found no differences once you take family back-

VIEWPOINT

BOOKS

Two different styles from the same prolific writer, 4L.



Should voters
be surprised
after the
election?



TOM FIEDLER
POLITICAL
EDITOR

Shortly after a newsroom colleague of mine was assigned to the team covering the Metro Dade County Commission elections that conclude

Tuesday, he was stricken with a rash that has grown progressively worse.

He is convinced that the rash is directly related to the stress of having to deal with political candidates who are challenged greatly by the truth. The more he probed the statements and backgrounds of some candidates, the more lies he uncovered and the worse his rash



no differences once you take family background or course-taking into account. . . .

"Successful private schools are not that way because they're 'private' or 'Catholic' any more than being 'public' explains successful public schools. What good schools have in common is discipline and rigorous standards in the core academic subjects. These may not be exciting, but, unlike [private school] vouchers, they work and are widely supported."

Albert Shanker
of the American Federation of Teachers.
in The Brookings Review

AN AGING WORLD

"[Japan] now enjoys (and frets about the consequences of) one of the longest life expectancies in the world — 76 for men and 83 for women. By 2025 it is expected to be one of the oldest societies on the globe, with more than one-quarter of its population over 65.

"The United States will not be that gray, but a virtual demographic revolution appears under way. In 1790, half the American people were under 16. It took two centuries, until 1990, for the median age to rise to 33. But by the middle of the next century, it will be over 40 and could approach 50."

Nicholas D. Kristof
reporter.
in The New York Times

MAKING A BET ON DOLE

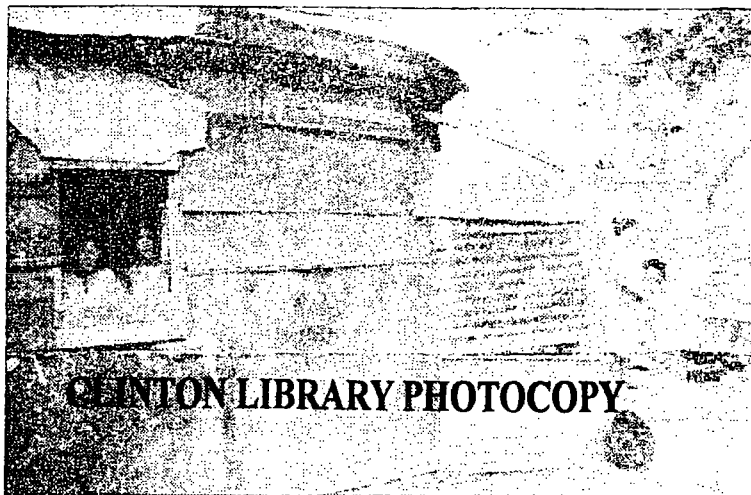
"If Bob Dole were a stock, I would be buying the hell out of it. One big reason is that the experts have come to the unanimous conclusion that he can't win.

"In the stock market, and the political market, the experts are wrong with uncanny consistency — wrong more than the laws of chance would seem to allow. Right now, ignoring the secular (or long-term) trend that has been running in favor of conservatives since 1978, the pundits believe Dole is going to get clobbered. Just look at the polls!

"Yes, just look. Polls a month and a half before an election are as useful in divining the future as the entrails of frogs."

James K. Glassman
columnist.
in The Washington Post

Questions about Cuba



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Carlos Alberto Montaner, born in Havana in 1943, left Cuba in 1961, served in the U.S. Army, earned a master's degree in Spanish and Latin American literature from the University of Miami and then taught at Interamerican

By CARLOS ALBERTO MONTANER

1 What was Cuba really like immediately before the revolution?

On the political front it was a corrupt dictatorship repudiated by the majority of the population. On March 10, 1952, Gen. Fulgencio Batista led a military coup that overthrew Carlos Prío Socarras, the constitutional president. The resulting illegitimate government, which perpetrated numerous crimes, lasted until the small hours of Jan. 1, 1959, when Castro took over from Batista and became Cuba's "strong man."

On the economic scene the situation was much more promising. After 1940 the country went

health indicators were comparable with those of a developed country. The best proof of living conditions in Cuba at the time is the fact that the island received a net of European immigrants. Spaniards and — to a lesser degree — Italians often emigrated to the island in search of a better life. In 1959 the Cuban embassy's archives in Rome had 11,000 applications from Italian peasants and workers willing to move to Cuba.

2 Was the island an American brothel?

It was neither a brothel nor a gambling dive. There were half a

dozen casinos in Havana and the country had a very low incidence of venereal disease. This demonstrates that it could not have been anybody's brothel. Nevertheless, like any old and busy seaport, the capital had its "red light district" similar to (although smaller than) the one in Barcelona. American tourism, on the other hand, tended to be a family affair. Whereas prostitution was a phenomenon similar to that found in all Latin American societies, with most of the "clients" Cubans themselves.

Curiously — as we are told by

PLEASE SEE CUBA, 6L

Below: The Havana harbor at dawn. Above left: A family in old Havana lives in a shack of cardboard and scrap metal.

some candidates, the more lies he uncovered and the worse his rash became.

Call it the battered-reporter syndrome, an affliction that hits those journalists who, after being lied to, go back for still more lies. Oh well, you say without pity, it's his job; he's got workmen's comp. True enough.

But unless we're luckier than I expect us to be, sometime after Tuesday — maybe it'll be months, maybe it'll be years — we'll all find ourselves scratching with the expanded descendant of this affliction.

Call it the battered-voter syndrome, the propensity of an electorate to keep backing politicians who are known liars, then acting surprised when they go crooked.

It seems to me to be common sense to believe that a person who will lie on the little things — cheat on expense accounts, inflate personal achievements, dissemble on troubling facts — is much more inclined to lie on the big ones when the opportunity arises.

The unraveling record of Operation Greenpalm engulfing the city of Miami and a Metro-Dade commissioner proves that point. There isn't a figure involved in that scandal who shouldn't have been wrapped in warning lights years ago for having trouble with basic honesty.

Consider Howard Gary, who after being caught by the FBI for allegedly bribing his pals at City Hall and County Hall, agreed to wear a bug to rat on them. This is the same guy who, as Miami city manager, used somebody else's credit card to buy \$2,278 worth of Brooks Brothers clothing — at a time when that somebody else wanted a zoning change from the city. He's the same guy who had the city motor pool perform \$8,398 in repairs to his Mercedes-Benzes, then claimed it as a perk of the job.

Gary's friends say they are shocked to see him caught up in the scandal. I found myself won-

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GOOD BUSINESS

"I think that the average worker can understand some reasonable downsizing. You have a machine, have 10 people, and with automation, five can run it. They can understand that five are let go. But there's all sorts of downsizing going on that the worker detests and you break his loyalty, such as you fire the guy at \$15 an hour and hire a guy at \$7. You hire a contract firm that picks up people at close to minimum wage, takes a profit for themselves, and it's still a fraction of the cost of what the guy used to cost. A lot of things break the spirit: You close a factory and open one in Mexico. That breaks the spirit."

"The working man has intelligence as well, and he'll tolerate certain things that seem reasonable, but he'll never accept things that seem unreasonable, so what's going on today is unfortunate, and there's a countermovement going on and things will change. It's the reason I get 5,000-7,000 letters from strangers all over the country."

Aaron Feuerstein

owner of Malden Mills, who announced that employees of his Lawrence, Mass., textile mill would continue to be paid after it was destroyed by fire in December, in an interview with Herald reporter Elinor J. Brecher

Compiled by Viewpoint Editor Rich Bard
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Army, earned a master's degree in Spanish and Latin American literature from the University of Miami and then taught at Interamerican University in San Juan, Puerto Rico. An author of 13 books and a weekly newspaper column, Montaner, who lives in Madrid, is founder and president of the Cuban Liberal Union. His article is excerpted from his book, Cuba: The Country of 13 Million Hostages, published this year by the Liberal International in London.

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On the economic scene the situation was much more promising. After 1940 the country went through a period of growth that placed it (along with Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and Puerto Rico) among Latin America's most developed countries. Ginsburg's *Atlas of the World Economy*, published at the time, gave Cuba a 22nd-place ranking among 122 nations examined. The per-capita income of Cubans in 1953 was similar to that of the Italians.

As for social order, the picture was also positive. Eighty percent of the population was literate — very high for the period — and

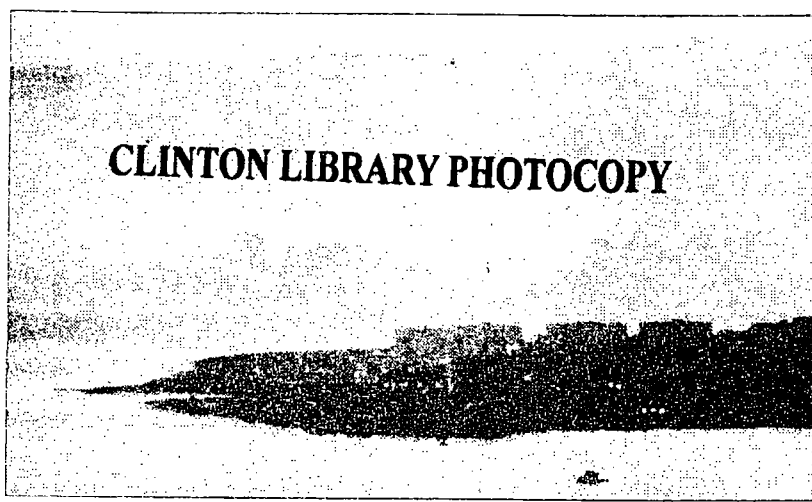
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Metro Commissioner James Burke presents an even starker case. Here's a guy who so mismanaged the money of his law clients a few years ago that the Florida Bar took away his license. When he tried to get it reinstated a few months back, the Bar raised such troubling questions about his ongoing behavior that he dropped the application.

Voters, apparently already suffering from the syndrome, elected him anyway. And look what's happened. Burke now owes the County Jail (that is, Dade taxpayers) several thousand dollars for

PLEASE SEE FIEDLER, 6L

Dr. Julia Morton's dating service

"To anyone who asked, she willingly disseminated information."

— A Miami Herald editorial noting the Sept. 10 death, at age 84, of internationally known University of Miami botanist Dr. Julia Morton. (It unearthed our long-buried memory.)

By MARZI KAPLAN

Botanist Julia Morton touched the lives of folks she never met. Ours among them. Through Dr. Morton's efforts, the plant kingdom became reachable.

Time: The '70s. Scene: Key Largo, Mile Marker 97½. There, for more than a

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decade, we owned a weekend hideaway in a mobile-home community on the Atlantic. Evading traffic and telephone calls, we opted for swimming, snorkeling, fishing. And freedom for three lively youngsters (now 28, 34 and 36).

The yard of that pied-à-terre held a rare sausage tree. *Rare, yes. Sausages, no.* Dangling tree cords bore claret-colored, heady night-bloomers that beckoned passersby to reach out, reach out and touch them. But the tree was a barren bloomer — despite the seductive specta-



Kaplan

blooms — lurid allure. Dr. Morton said simply: "Unfertilized *Kigelia pinnata*,

cle it made of itself.

Could Dr. Julia Morton, the redoubtable botanist, solve its problem? I called, though I knew of her only through her books and the *Collectanea* housed at the University of Miami. She heard her caller go on about lush, plush, red-velvet

sterile sausage tree." Did the tree merely forget to beget? No — if I did as she said, the tree would bring forth sausages.

I did. She did. The tree did. Here's my lay take on her scientific solution: Romance among flowers, at times, cannot go the mileage. Built-in

PLEASE SEE SAUSAGE TREE, 6L

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20 questions – and answers – about Cuba

CUBA, FROM 1L

correspondents and travelers — today the island has in fact become a grand brothel for foreigners who participate (like in Thailand) in sexual tourism, taking advantage of the country's destitution.

3. To what extent did the United States control the country's economy?

Up to 14 percent of investments, mainly in sugar, mining, communications and finance, were in American hands. Nevertheless, from the '30s onward the influence of American capital tended to fall in favor of local capital. During that period some 50 sugar mills changed from American to Cuban hands and by 1958 the latter controlled two-thirds of the industry. Cubans achieved a 61 percent stake in private banking at the time, up from hardly 23 percent in 1939.

4. Did the strong American opposition to the revolution's reforms force Castro to side with the U.S.S.R. and the Communists?

This is not what Castro says. What he usually explains — he did so before Spanish television cameras — is that he had been a Marxist-Leninist since his days in the Sierra Maestra fighting Batista but that "he didn't admit it, so as not to frighten the Cuban people." According to Castro, U.S. hostility accelerated the confrontation that was inevitable within the context of the Cold War.

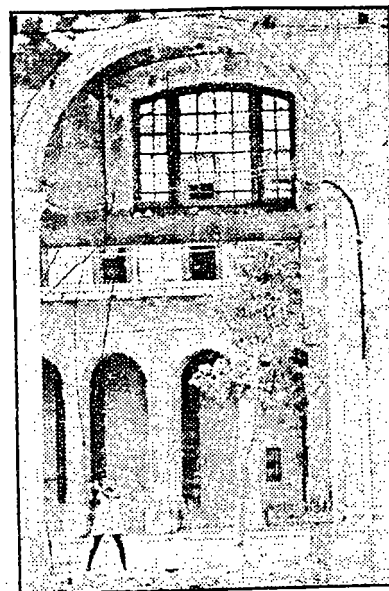
5. What was the cause of the

Venezuela, Canada, Colombia or the Dominican Republic. And then again, nearly every other country trades freely with Cuba. Cuba's main Western trading partners are precisely some of Washington's closest allies: Canada, Spain, France, Venezuela, etc. There is no product Cuba cannot buy abroad (provided it has the foreign currency to pay for it), nor is there any Cuban export product that cannot find its way into international markets (provided it is of good quality and attractively priced).

The U.S. embargo affected Cuba in the '60s because the country's industrial machinery had come from the United States. In the '70s Castro proclaimed the total defeat of imperialism as far as the embargo was concerned when in 1973 the entire stock of industrial vehicles was of Eastern bloc manufacture.

8. If the embargo does not affect Castro, why doesn't Washington lift it? In the end, Cuba is no more than a small Caribbean country that doesn't pose a threat to the United States.

In essence, the U.S. embargo is not lifted because the Cuban-American community (2 million if we count exiles and their descendants) mainly living in South Florida and New Jersey is opposed to such a measure. And neither of the two main political parties (Republicans or Democrats) are willing to risk offending the Cuban vote. The embargo is thus kept in place by inertia. The policy has been in place since the Eisenhower and Ken-



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OLD HAVANA: A building spared from bulldozing.

and distortions created by trade with the U.S.S.R. at highly advantageous conditions for Cuba. This explains why the country imported more than half the food it consumed and gradually reduced the volume of trade with the West. In 1970 trade between Cuba and Eastern Europe represented 60 percent of the island's foreign trade. In 1991 it had reached 85 percent. At market prices Cuba's exports hardly reach \$1.7 billion, while it must import goods worth more than \$8 billion. Apart from this, the country (which hasn't met its foreign debt obligations since 1986) owes some \$9 billion to the West and hardly anyone in the

worse off than any of those countries. Puerto Rico, also a Caribbean island, received an enormous subsidy from a foreign power. But with only three million population, it exports 10 times what Cuba exports and in the last three decades it has changed from a sugar-exporting country into an industrialized nation.

12. Is there any way out of this economic crisis?

None ... at least not until the country's system is changed. Isolated because of its political model, creditless, deep in debt, with no foreign currency reserves, without oil, the most reasonable prediction is that the country's economy will only worsen. It will produce less and less because it will have fewer and fewer resources to import and fewer of the raw materials needed for production.

13. In these circumstances, how does Castro hang on to power?

Because there's nobody left in the country who can rebel. The regime's capacity for repression is enormous. The political police number nearly 100,000 agents. The army has around 350,000. The Communist Party and civil servants total a million. Other paramilitary groups can stop any public demonstration of popular dissent. The most effective are the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution and, more recently, the Rapid Reaction Brigades, mobs organized to frighten the population or to beat up dissidents in the streets or even inside their own homes.

14. Are there many political

electric shocks but with other techniques learned from the KGB. When they are in detention it is quite common for the accused to be deprived of sleep. Another torture consists of confining the prisoner to a cell without any seat and with the floor covered in an inch of water while a strong draft of cold air keeps the prisoner frozen. The intention is to get them to confess without marking the body. The Havana detention center where most tortures take place is known as Villa Marista, and the "technical" director of this specialty is Col. Blanco Oropesa. Once the accused are sentenced and imprisoned, the beatings are frequent. When they are punished, it is not unusual to place the prisoners in a sort of coffin (they call them *gavetas*, the Spanish word for drawers) in which they cannot move. They are kept like that for weeks at a time. Predictably, the food leaves much to be desired to the point that deficiency diseases abound (beriberi, pellagra, scurvy).

16. Is it true that Castro's government was involved in drug trafficking?

No doubt about it. The connections with the drug trade were detailed in two recently published books, one by Pulitzer Prize-winner Andres Oppenheimer [of *The Miami Herald*], *Castro's Final Hour*, and *The Law of the Privateer* by Jorge Masetti, a former agent of the Cuban Ministry of the Interior. The connection between Castro's government and drug traffickers started during the '70s and it didn't end

tenced to 13 years in prison for economic crimes by a Cuban court].

All of these groups were comfortably settled in Cuba for many years and they perpetrated numerous crimes alongside the Cuban intelligence and counter-intelligence services, especially kidnappings and robberies of banks and financial institutions that would bring them many millions of dollars. Nevertheless, economic hardship and the end of the communist project in the world has meant that Castroism has been obliged to abandon international revolutionary violence, although loyalty to old comrades is maintained for those who know they have an extradition-proof refuge in the island.

18. What is the true level of Castro's popularity?

Although there is no doubt that we are dealing with a charismatic leader, it is difficult for a ruler to maintain his popularity after over three and a half decades of dictatorship and a prolonged decline in citizens' living standards. There are no people on Earth who would continue to support a government under these circumstances. Nevertheless, the acid test of the level of rejection can only be measured when free and fair multi-party elections are held.

19. But they do have some kind of elections in Cuba and don't the results reflect support for Castro?

They are single-party elections in which the opposition is totally intimidated. When some independent people have tried to participate as candidates they were

in the context of the Cold

What was the cause of the American embargo against Castro's government?

It was due to the confiscation of American property in the early 1960s without compensation. The estimated value of these confiscations was \$800 million. There can be no doubt that the embargo was a political measure aimed at weakening Castro's regime.

6. What is involved in the American embargo?

In essence it is an executive order forbidding U.S. companies and subsidiaries to trade with Cuba and not allowing citizens to spend money on the island without U.S. Treasury Department authorization. There are other less important provisions, such as the prohibition on ships docking at American ports within six months of having anchored at a Cuban port.

7. Does the American embargo substantially affect Cuba?

Not in the way that is popularly perceived. Cuba can in fact buy any American product it needs. This can be corroborated by any tourist who visits a "diploshop" or a good hotel. Cuba usually buys in Panama,

The policy has been in place since the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations and leaders at the White House or Capitol Hill view more risk in changing it than in keeping it. On the other hand, Cuba is not a small and insignificant Caribbean island. It is as big as Austria and Switzerland combined and it did maintain an army of thousands of soldiers in Africa for more than 15 years.

9. If it isn't because of the American embargo, why is hunger so rife in the country?

For two reasons. First, the disappearance of the Soviet subsidy. The countries of the Eastern bloc — especially the Soviet Union — bought sugar at inflated prices and sold oil to Cuba on credit or at unrealistically low prices. They even gave the island three million tons of crude oil free of charge annually that Cuba could re-export. That subsidy was calculated at more than \$5 billion per year, according to figures provided by historian Irina Zorina of the Russian Academy of Science.

The second reason is the inefficient system of production, aggravated by the dependence

[1986] owes some \$9 billion to the West and hardly anyone in the world is prepared to offer any fresh credit terms.

10. Nevertheless, Castro's government claims to have made great achievements in the fields of education and health.

And they are true ... up to a point. It is true that today the country has an extensive network of schools and numerous health centers. Yet these are not a result of any increase in the country's wealth but rather because of the Soviet subsidy. The current problem is how to keep this structure intact while the country, with a population of 11 million, exports less than Costa Rica (\$3.5 billion) and 60 percent of its industrial capacity is paralyzed due to lack of electric power, spare parts and raw materials.

11. But, in any case, Cuba is better than Haiti or other Third World nations.

Cuba is, in effect, better than Haiti but it should be compared with the countries it measured up against in 1958. For example, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica or Spain. Nearly 40 years after the revolution, Cuba is infinitely

up dissidents in the streets or even inside their own homes.

14. Are there many political prisoners?

Tens of thousands if we include those who are sent to prison for attempting to escape by boat or those who are jailed for buying and selling food on the black market to survive. There are 3,000 if we only count as political prisoners those who have been sentenced for crimes against "the stability of the State." In any case the country's total number of prisoners — political and common — has been estimated at a quarter of a million people. This figure is four times higher than the corresponding figure in Spain, although Spain has four times the population of Cuba.

15. Are people tortured in prison?

Of course. This is what Amnesty International, the U.N. Human Rights Commission, the Organization of American States and numerous other respected organizations assure us. It is what we are told by the victims themselves whenever they can speak about their experiences. Torture is not carried out using

non-violent means. Castro's government and drug traffickers started during the '70s and it didn't end even with the execution of Gen. Arnaldo Ochoa and Col. Antonio de la Guardia by a firing squad in a much-publicized 1989 trial.

17. Does Castro's government really have connections with overseas terrorists?

For many years Castro himself proclaimed "the right of the revolution" to participate in "internationalist" struggles. Links with nearly all existing or defunct Western terrorist and guerrilla groups dating as far back as the '60s spring from those comments. They include the Spanish ETA, the Salvadoran FLMN, the Uruguayan Tupamaros, the Chilean Miricos, etc. As recently as the summer of 1993, Castro refused to call on his Colombian comrades of the *Ejército de Liberación Nacional* (National Liberation Army) to surrender their weapons. There are numerous Latin American terrorists currently living in Cuba, along with Spaniards who have been mixed with international criminals. Among them, American money launderer and swindler Robert Vesco [who was recently sen-

intimidated. When some independent people have tried to participate as candidates they were beaten or threatened. It happened, for example, to known dissidents Oswaldo Paya and Elizardo Sanchez.

20. How will Castroism end?

Nobody can be sure of the how, but it does seem that the regime, after proclaiming on numerous occasions between 1989 and 1992 that "the island will sink into the sea before abandoning Marxist-Leninism," is willing to forget the communist model and substitute it with a strange combination of capitalism and communism, in which the Cubans living on the island are the only ones who can never become the owners of the means of production.

Nevertheless, the economic change that Castro's government is trying to promote does not include the necessary political reform. This is what is called the Chinese variation. In any case, the existence of Castroism is only explained within the context of the Cold War and it is certain that it will not be able to survive the end to that chapter of history.

Sausage trees and Dr. Julia Morton's dating service



REMEMBERED: Dr. Julia

SAUSAGE TREE, FROM 1L

botanical suitors — neighborhood *kigelia*s that trumpet odoriferous, scarlet blossoms — draw local bees and other cruising pollinators to the gaudy tawdriness. Our tree on its Keys inlet stood single and singular. Only Dr. Morton grasped its aloneness.

What chance for a social life had such a social outcast? If another *kigelia* lived nearby, Keys bees that touched down kept the honeypot secret. To the

engaging donors that had pollen to share. But I'd have to be the messenger. Or, you might say, be the bee.

Her procedure for artificial insemination seemed unorthodox but sounded sound: Buy a broom. Tweeze straws from the broom head. Sterilize them with boiling water. Dry them. Store them in new baggies. Visit a donor tree adorned with similarly immodest blossoms. Reach above the tainted, exposed blooms to the unopened buds. Insert a straw into each closed bud. Place pollen-laden straws

into bags. One straw per bud; one per bag. The goal: to pollinate — not pollute.

The alert botanist had spotted a suitable suitor in South Miami, several miles from the University of Miami. At her behest, I followed Red Road past Sunset Drive till I found a certain fruit stand. And a specimen that flaunted huge, handsome, dangling gourds.

Onlookers gaped at the curious, female Quixote on the romantic quest. They overheard my distraught mumbling about

Keys *kigelia*. At last, the plant kingdom became *reachable* as I heeded Dr. Morton's directions, climbed the roadside tree, insinuated straws, bagged pollen and sped to the Keys. There, our family awaited "the last straw."

Like druids dancing an ancient, chthonic fertility-rite, we encircled the tree. Ad-libbing, cooing. Then, with fitting solemnity, we followed the Morton hand-pollination script and gently inserted straws into closed buds.

The botanical legerdemain was

destine romance that, even now, evokes twinges of collusion. And Dr. Morton, metaphorically, delivered! In due time, the buds yielded sausages — woody, wonderful. When they emerged, we behaved less like druids, more like grateful grandparents. Of gorgeous, infant gourds.

Dr. Julia Morton didn't know us, yet we'll not forget her. Or her peerless matchmaking service! By arranging a blind date for that remote Keys *kigelia pinnata*, the concerned world-famous botanist cured the single state of our

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HE LIKES THE MESSAGE:
President Clinton holds up a T-shirt given to him as Paul Cejas and Clinton's sister-in-law, Maria Victoria Arias, enjoy the moment.

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Miami-Cuba aid flight nearly ready

By APRIL WITT
And JUAN O. TAMAYO
Herald Staff Writers

Catholic relief workers plan to fly from Miami to Cuba by this weekend to deliver 70,000 pounds of donated food after the Clinton administration agreed to let them rush hurricane relief directly to the island.

"I'm pretty pumped because it looks like this is going to work," said Chris Gilson, Cuba program manager for Catholic Relief Services, the Baltimore-based international relief organization that is spearheading Cuban hurricane aid. "I'll believe it when the plane lands in Cienfuegos," in the area hardest hit by Hurricane Eli last week.

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CHRIS GILSON,
Catholic Relief Services official

expected no problems, he said. "We have done this in previous disasters and with other flights and have had no problems," Suarez said.

Clinton reaches out to exile leaders

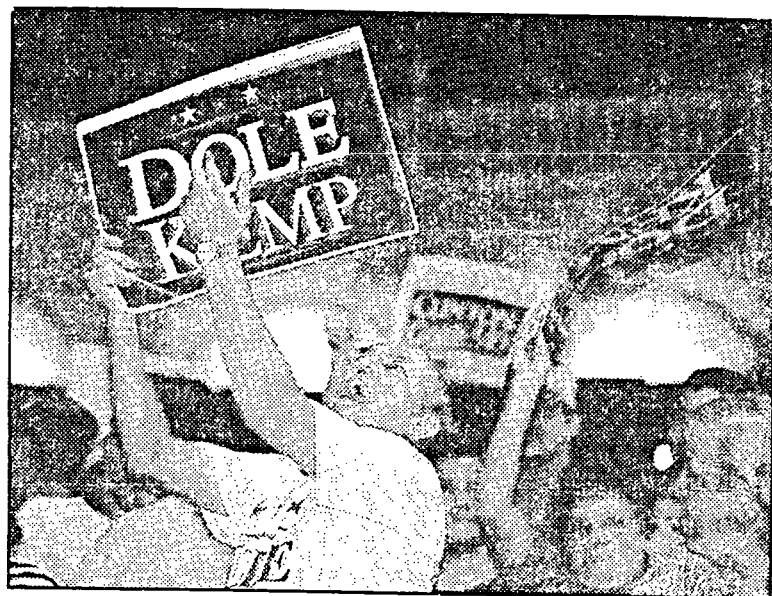
At *medianoche*, the action was at Cuban landmark

By TOM FIEDLER
Herald Political Editor

President Clinton concluded a Miami campaign swing Wednesday with a surprise, post-midnight visit to Little Havana, some morning golf and a private meeting with contributors where he handled questions about his priorities in a second term.

Despite three hours of sleep, the president exuded confidence the morning after appearing before an enthusiastic crowd at Miami-Dade Community College's North Dade campus and at a fund-raising dinner yielding a reported \$2 million at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables.

He awoke at dawn to play nine holes of golf with his brothers-in-law, Tony and Hugh Rodham, who live in Miami, then met privately with 25 South Florida business lead-



NOT EVERYONE CHEERED THE PRESIDENT: Juan Vasquez shouts support for Republican ticket outside the Versailles restaurant. Bob Dole, meanwhile, was in Jacksonville Wednesday, 5B.

ers at another fund-raising session. Participants interviewed later said Clinton seemed eager to discuss his plans for a second term.

"He outlined where he wanted to go in the period after

the election," said lawyer-lobbyist Ronald Book.

Among the issues he outlined were continued reforms in the nation's health care industry; a new emphasis on improving trade with Latin America,

including at least one trip through the region; and a directed attack on homelessness, which he suggested had gotten short shrift in the election debates.

But Clinton's most dramatic action came about midnight Tuesday, when he left the hotel after the party fund-raiser to meet with several Cuban-American community leaders at the Versailles restaurant.

Most Cuban-American voters are loyal and active Republicans, although the president has said several times he intends to appeal for their votes.

Although the stop was planned for days, the meeting wasn't finalized until the president concluded his re-election appeal to the nearly 800 people at the Biltmore and told aides he wanted to go to Little Havana.

"The fact is that he loves to go there for the food and for the people," Hugh Rodham, his brother-in-law, said at the restaurant. "And he doesn't think anyplace should be off-limits."

Although the motorcade trav-

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plane lands in Cienfuegos. In the area hardest hit by Hurricane Lili last week.

The administration agreed late Tuesday to let Catholic relief organizations fly a planeload of donations directly from Miami to Cuba and to send along American monitors to ensure aid reaches the needy. The U.S. government had halted direct flights to the island after Cuban MiGs shot down two Miami exile search planes last year.

Relief organizers are now awaiting final permission from the Cuban government to deliver the goods to Caritas Cuba, the church's charitable arm on the island.

Caritas director Rolando Suarez in Havana, interviewed by phone, said he sent the Cuban government a note Wednesday detailing what was in the 70,000-pound shipment and asking for an OK to fly it in. He had yet to hear back from the government by Wednesday evening, but

ous disasters and with other flights and have had no problems," Suarez said.

The Archdiocese of Miami's Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services are chartering a cargo plane, probably a Boeing 707, to deliver about 70,000 pounds of rice, beans, milk and canned meats to south-central Cuba, organizers said.

The goods will most likely go to the province of Cienfuegos, which had no lights or water as of Tuesday. The supplies could arrive as early as Friday if Cuba gives its approval and the Clinton administration quickly produces the required travel licenses, said Chris Tucker, director of Latin America and the Caribbean for the Catholic Relief Services.

"There are so many moving parts of this and so many things that can still go wrong," said Father Thomas Wenski, director

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■ **Restaurateur Christine Lee Mallock**, owner of the landmark namesake restaurant in Sunny Isles that hosted actors and dignitaries, died Wednesday morning at Aventura Hospital and Medical Center after slipping into a coma, her family said. She was 70, 4B.

■ **Miami police say** that Abram Zayas' zeal for law enforcement was intense. But

the 22-year-old's passion for cops has landed him in the slammer, charged with a felony: impersonating a police officer, 2B.

■ **A Dade jury on Wednesday** convicted Eddie James Simmons, a major litterer. He was convicted of illegally dumping about five tons of garbage on the streets of Little Haiti, 2B.

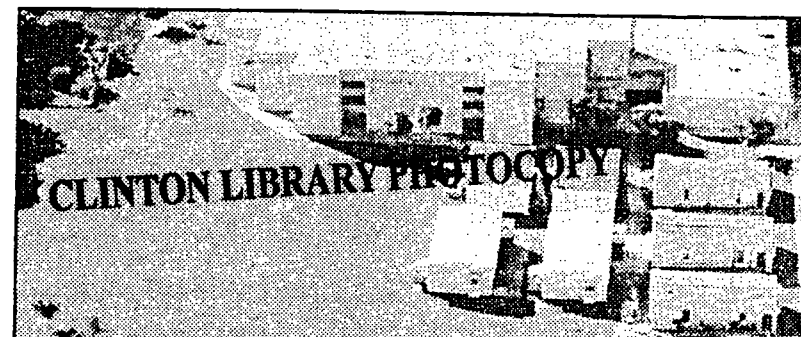
Bracing for a boom in Florida teenagers

By TONY PUGH
Herald Staff Writer

Florida must provide more money for youth and children's services or



Florida Kids Count Data Book on Wednesday. Using county-by-county statistics on a variety of socioeconomic indicators like teen pregnancy, poverty rates and juvenile arrests, the data



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Clinton wraps up his visit

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eled in relative quiet through the neighborhoods between the hotel and the restaurant, word of his appearance apparently had leaked out. He was greeted by about 100 people, evenly split between supporters chanting "four more years" and opponents with Dole-Kemp signs responding, "No more lies."

The president waved and smiled at the crowd, kept at a distance by police, but went directly inside to eat dinner with the guests. Most were active Democrats, including investment banker Paul Cejas, builder Jorge Perez, former state party Chairman Simon Ferro, lawyer Hermino San Roman, Hialeah Mayor Raul Martinez, investor Luis Lauredo, state Rep. Annie Betancourt and public relations executive Maria Elena Torano.

Clinton's sister-in-law, Maria Victoria Arias, and Clinton's former Georgetown University Professor Luis Aguilar Leon also attended. And the president spent several minutes with Cuban American National Foundation Chairman Jorge Mas Canosa and President Francisco "Pepe" Hernandez.

Clinton made no remarks, but posed for photographers accepting a T-shirt inscribed, "No Cas-



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FAMILY TIES: President Clinton shares a laugh with his sister-in-law Maria Victoria Arias at Versailles restaurant in Little Havana.

tro, No Problem" — a sentiment he said he favored. He also joked that the shirt was large, saying: "That's good, because I'll be larger going out of the restaurant than I was going in."

He also told a reporter that his administration would support efforts to provide humanitarian aid to Cuban victims of Hurricane Lili through the Roman Catholic charity Caritas. He seemed to reject arguments that this would benefit Castro's government.

"People need it right now," Clinton said of the aid. "And the church is placed to make it go to the right people."

In the 1992 campaign, Clinton collected only about one in five Cuban-American votes. A recent poll, however, said he could double that figure Nov. 5, delivering a heavy blow to Republican rival Bob Dole.

Mas' attendance at the late dinner may be significant because he has long been regarded as a

leader in the Cuban exile community and a bellwether of its political leanings. He avoided reporters at the restaurant.

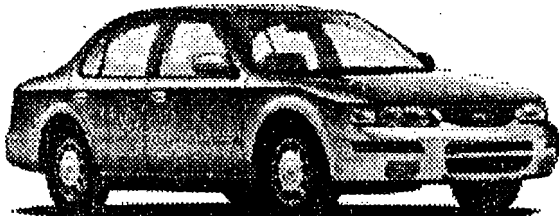
But during radio and television appearances Wednesday, he insisted that his presence didn't signal an endorsement of the Democratic ticket. On Spanish-language WCMQ, he was quoted saying he would "give no better than an average grade" to Clinton for handling Cuba policy, yet Dole "hasn't done any better a job on Cuba."

A Dole campaign coordinator, David Rivera, scoffed at the significance of the meeting.

"We're still going to get 80 percent of the Cuban vote," said Rivera, who organized a protest outside the restaurant. "Those people inside with him aren't representative of what's happening in this neighborhood. That's why he has to come here in the dead of night, because he knows he wouldn't be well received in broad daylight."

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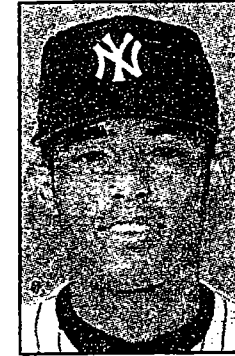
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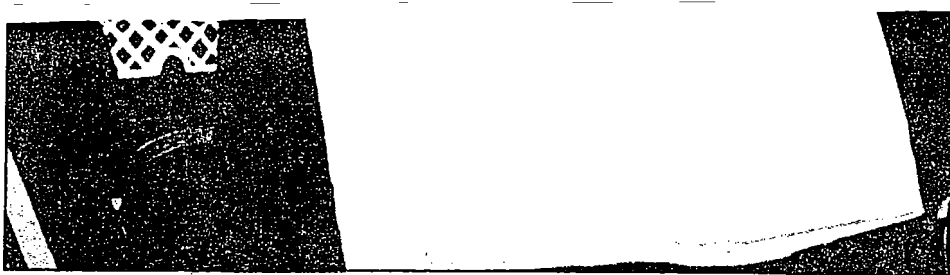
Clinton se 'aplatana'



Un golpe demoledor a la economía cubana

'Lili nos hizo retroceder tres años', dice funcionario





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El presidente Bill Clinton sonríe cuando se prueba una camiseta en el restaurante Versailles con el lema 'No Castro, No Problem'.

Por CYNTHIA CORZO
Redactora de El Nuevo Herald

Con una camiseta en sus manos que decía *No Castro, No Problem*, el presidente Bill Clinton prometió el miércoles por la madrugada a un grupo de prominentes cubanoamericanos reunidos en el restaurante Versailles que continuará esforzándose por llevar la democracia a Cuba.

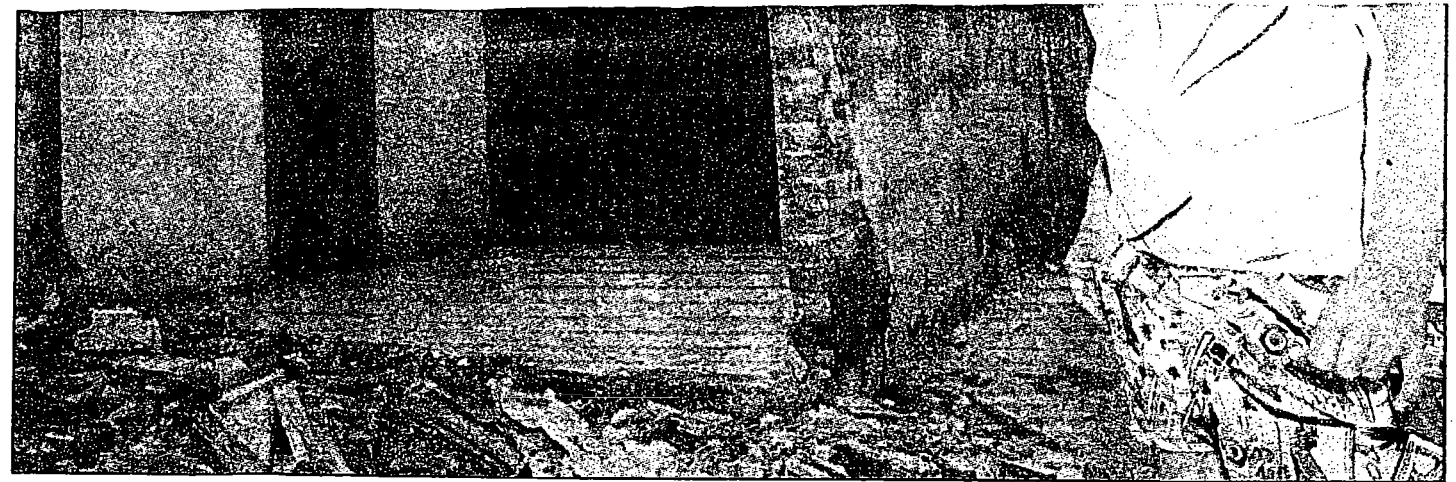
En un ambiente festivo entre líderes locales y activistas demócratas y republicanos, Clinton probó bocaditos cubanos, tomó café con leche, escuchó con interés múltiples opiniones sobre

la situación en Cuba y dio su apoyo al envío de ayuda humanitaria a los damnificados del huracán Lili en la isla.

"Los cubanos lo necesitan ahora", dijo Clinton a El Nuevo Herald acerca de la ayuda. "La Iglesia está en una posición de asegurar que todo se distribuya efectivamente".

Durante casi una hora, Clinton intercambió ideas y opiniones con personalidades de la comunidad como el banquero Bernardo Benes; los líderes de la Fundación Nacional Cubano Americana, Jorge Mas Canosa y Fran-

VEA CLINTON, 12A



Milagro Hernández frente su casa destruida por el ciclón en Cruces, cerca de Santa Clara.

Canadian Press

Cubanos sin techo esperan alivio

Por PABLO ALFONSO
Redactor de El Nuevo Herald

Los daños ocasionados por el huracán Lili han propinado un golpe demoledor a la economía cubana, cuyas consecuencias comenzarán a manifestarse entre la población y en la política del gobierno en los próximos meses, según analistas en asuntos cubanos.

Lili causó serios destrozos en las provincias centrales, donde se concentra 46 por ciento de la producción agrícola. Para un país como Cuba, cuya endeble economía se apoya esencialmente en la agricultura, las pérdidas de cítricos, viandas y vegetales, café, arroz y, sobre todo en la caña de azúcar, serán difíciles de recuperar en el futuro inmediato.

"Lili nos hizo retroceder tres años", declaró Miguel Díaz Canel, primer secretario del Partido Comunista en Villa Clara. "Fue un dardo al corazón de la economía".

En declaraciones a los medios cubanos de prensa, Díaz admitió que el nivel de daños causados por Lili compromete mucho a la economía de esa provincia en particular y de la isla en general, sobre todo "la comida

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Por ARMANDO CORREA
y PABLO ALFONSO

De la Redacción de El Nuevo Herald

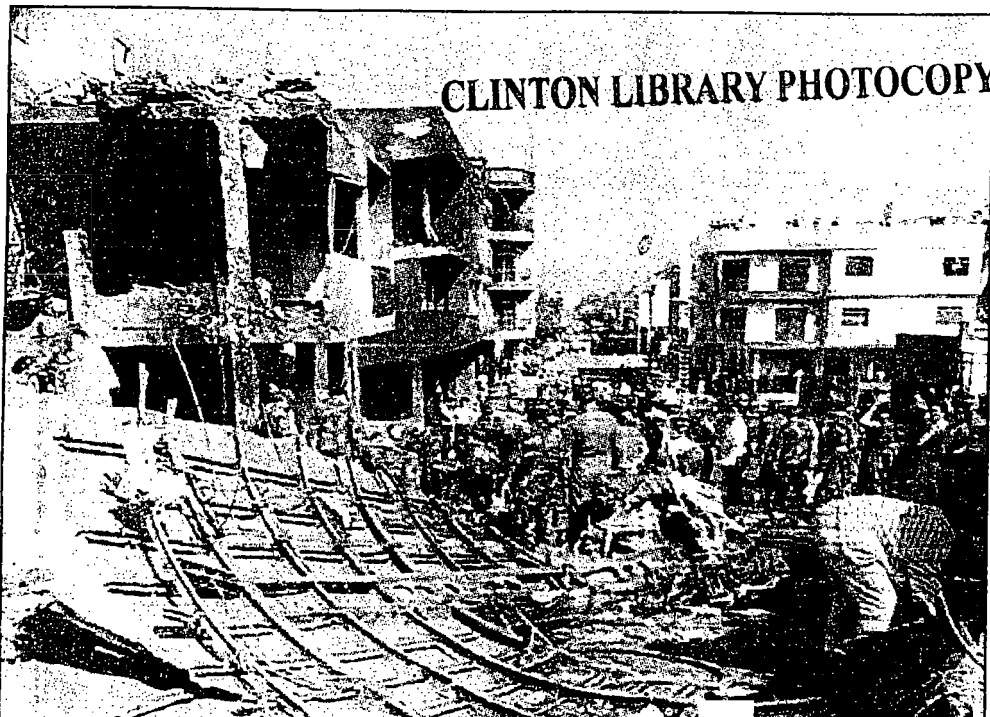
Cienfuegos, Cuba — Sentado en una vieja mecedora, sin un techo que lo cobije, Aurelio Medina espera ansioso algún tipo de ayuda para reparar su maltrecha vivienda.

Medina, de 87 años, lleva cinco días durmiendo prácticamente a la intemperie, ya que el huracán Lili le tumbó el techo a su vivienda, una construcción de madera de unos 100 pies cuadrados, cubierta de pencas de guano, en un apartado poblado de esta provincia llamado Abreus.

"La del Poder Popular vino aquí al otro día del ciclón y dijo que nos iba a ayudar, al menos con clavos", dijo Medina, que padece de asma crónica y dice haber sufrido nueve infartos. "El problema es que no soy yo solamente. Bajo mis mismas condiciones hay miles de personas".

El huracán azotó la zona el pasado viernes, con vientos de hasta 138 kilómetros por hora y lluvias que causaron grandes inundaciones. Más de 430,000 viviendas fueron damnificadas en toda la isla y de ese total se

VEA DESTRUCCION, 12A



Ciénaga de Zapata y Matanzas continuaban el martes sin servicio de energía eléctrica ni agua.

Sin embargo, en estos momentos lo más urgente para Medina es la llegada de algún medicamento que sirva para dilatar bronquios y calmar esa sensación de asfixia que siente desde el pasado viernes, cuando de repente se vio sin un techo.

"No puedo dormir de noche y ni al baño he podido ir", dijo. "Oigame, es que ese ciclón silbaba".

Medina, que vive con su esposa, Esperanza Palmero, de 85 años, dijo que no pudo proteger bien la vivienda, ya que en Cuba no hay materiales y se esperaba que el huracán no azotara la región central, sino La Habana.

Unos vecinos le prestaron el martes un cartón para que al menos pudiera "resolver" unos días, mientras llegan los esperados materiales que el gobierno cubano despachó hacia las nueve provincias más afectadas en el centro de la isla.

El martes se observaban viejos camiones del gobierno en Ocho Vías, la carretera principal que conduce hacia el interior del país, con materiales como planchas de zinc, tubos y tejas para techos.

No obstante, los damnificados del huracán desconocen cuándo les llegará la ayuda o cómo el gobierno de las provincias la repartirá, algo que los mantiene preocupados.

"Dicen que la ayuda viene, pero no sabemos cuándo", indicó Raúl Fidel Sánchez, de 38 años, que perdió su vivienda, ubicada en la carretera principal de Abreus.

Mientras llega, el gobierno le autorizó dormir con su esposa y su hijo, de 18 meses, en un cuarto trasero de la escuela primaria del pueblo. Allí, dijo, tiene guardadas las pocas cosas que salvó cuando la vieja casa se les vino abajo.

"Empezamos a correr para atrás", expresó. "Aquello daba grima".

Residentes de Cienfuegos dijeron que el huracán azotó la zona

vientos y cayó sobre el techo de la maltrecha vivienda de la familia, derrumbando el techo de madera del cuarto.

"Cuando lo vimos tenía la palma encima de la carita", dijo. "No le causó una herida, pero tiene fractura".

Los médicos del hospital dijeron que esperan que el niño se salve, aunque las condiciones en la institución médica son precarias. Debido a la escasez general que vive el país desde 1990, tras el derrumbe del antiguo bloque soviético, los hospitales no cuentan siquiera con los medicamentos básicos, como antibióticos, gasa, jeringuillas desechables, insulina o aspirinas.

Pese a los esfuerzos que realiza el exilio cubano para enviar cuanto antes ayuda humanitaria a través de Caritas, organización adscrita a la Iglesia Católica, pocos en Cuba conocen la iniciativa.

"No hemos tenido corriente [eléctrica] y cuando la conectan, la gente quiere resolver, hacer sus cosas, como cocinar, limpiar y lavar", dijo Elisa Pose Rodríguez, que trabaja en la refinería de petróleo de Cienfuegos.

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"Todo lo que necesitamos ahora es la ayuda y ya en Cienfuegos están listos para recibirla", agregó Suárez.

Las donaciones comenzarán a ser trasladadas hoy al Aeropuerto Internacional de Miami para su inspección y embarque.

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60 años, dijo que no pudo proteger bien la vivienda, ya que en Cuba no hay materiales y se esperaba que el huracán no azotara la región central, sino La Habana.

Unos vecinos le prestaron el martes un cartón para que al menos pudiera "resolver" unos días, mientras llegan los esperados materiales que el gobierno cubano despachó hacia las nueve provincias más afectadas en el centro de la isla.

El martes se observaban viejos camiones del gobierno en Ocho Vías, la carretera principal que conduce hacia el interior del país, con materiales como planchas de zinc, tubos y tejas para techos.

No obstante, los damnificados del huracán desconocen cuándo les llegará la ayuda o cómo el gobierno de las provincias la repartirá, algo que los mantiene preocupados.

"Dicen que la ayuda viene, pero no sabemos cuándo", indicó Raúl Fidel Sánchez, de 38 años, que perdió su vivienda, ubicada en la carretera principal de Abreus.

Mientras llega, el gobierno le autorizó dormir con su esposa y su hijo, de 18 meses, en un cuarto trasero de la escuela primaria del pueblo. Allí, dijo, tiene guardadas las pocas cosas que salvó cuando la vieja casa se les vino abajo.

"Empezamos a correr para atrás", expresó. "Aquello daba grima".

Residentes de Cienfuegos dijeron que el huracán azotó la zona inmisericordemente durante siete horas, desde las 9 a.m., cuando comenzaron a sentirse las ráfagas, hasta las 4 p.m.

Aunque no hubo muertos, sí se informó de lesionados. El caso más dramático fue el de Jairo Valdés, un niño de 14 meses que permanece en estado crítico en el

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