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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

21070

September 14, 1994

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM H. ITOH

FROM: MORTON H. HALPERIN

SUBJECT: NSC Staff Foreign Travel Notification

A delegation from the administration is going to Guantanamo tomorrow to assess camp conditions and to discuss with General Williams steps to deal with camp unrest. The attached information is required by the Department of Defense in making the final plans for this trip.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the attached memorandum to the Department of Defense.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab I Memorandum to Department of Defense
Tab A Passenger Manifest
Tab B Military Flight Schedule

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D C 20506

MEMORANDUM FOR COL. ROBERT C. MCALEER
Executive Secretary
Department of Defense

SUBJECT: NSC Staff Foreign Travel Notification Guantanamo
(Request)

Travelers

Senior NSC

Staff Member: **Morton H. Halperin**, Senior Director for Democracy
National Security Council, DV4, SSN: [REDACTED] (b)(6)

Senior White House

Staff Member: **Joe Velasquez**, Deputy Assistant to the President
and Deputy Director for Political Affairs, DV4, SSN: [REDACTED] (b)(6)

Senior Department of Justice Representative: **Phyllis Coven**,
Deputy Associate Attorney
General; DV4, SSN: [REDACTED] (b)(6)

Other Travelers

See Attached Pax Manifest

Itinerary

See Attached Military Flight Schedule

Remarks

Introduce civilian ombudsmen to JTF Commander, BG Williams.
Refer questions to Mike Longoria, (202) 456-9241.

William H. Itoh
Executive Secretary

Attachments

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PASSENGER MANIFEST

TOTAL PAX = 10

Name/Position/Personal Data

Senior Members

[002]

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Staff Member: **Morton H. Halperin**, Senior Director for Democracy National Security Council, DV4, SSN: [(b)(6)]

Senior White House

Staff Member: **Joe Velasquez**, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director for Political Affairs, DV4, SSN: [(b)(6)]

Senior Department of Justice Representative: **Phyllis Coven**, Deputy Associate Attorney General; DV4, SSN: [(b)(6)]

Other Travelers

Kathryn Archuletta, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Transportation,

SSN: [(b)(6)]

Suzanna Valdez, Associate Director for Public Liaison, White House,

SSN: [(b)(6)]

Jeff Weiss, Acting Director, Community Relations Service, Department of Justice,

SSN: [(b)(6)]

Guarione M. Diaz, Private Citizen, Ombudsman,

SSN: [(b)(6)]

Michael Longoria, Special Asst to the Senior Director for Democracy,

SSN: [(b)(6)]

Raymond Ruga, Director, Cuba Task Force, Department of Defense,

SSN: [(b)(6)]

Dennis Hays, Director, Office of Cuban Affairs, Department of State,

SSN: [(b)(6)]

TRAVEL ITINERARY FOR GUANTANAMO TRIP
Draft

15 SEPTEMBER

0700 Depart Andrews AFB
3:20 Flight Time

1020 Arrive Guantanamo; Group met by BG Williams et al

1100 Introduction Briefing

1200- Visit Camps
1600

1700 Depart Guantanamo for Miami Int'l
Flight Time 1:55

1900 Arrive Miami Int'l
Ground Time 1:00

2000 Depart Miami Int'l for Andrews AFB
Flight Time 2:05

2200 Arrive Andrews AFB (Crew Duty Day 16 hrs)

TO: JOE VELAZQUEZ
FROM: JORGE L. BOLANOS
REF: MEETING WITH CUBAN AMERICANS, MIAMI 10/5/94
DATE: 10/7/94

FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF THE PERSON WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING WITH RICHARD FEINBERG. AND THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS.

MRS. TERESA ZUBIZARRETA, PRESIDENT OF ZUBI ADVERTISING, AND VERY ACTIVE COMMUNITY LEADER.

MR. JUAN PRADO, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BACARDI CORP.

MR. FRANCISCO BLANCO, PRESIDENT OF IBEX CORP.

PROF. JAIME SUSCHLIKI, AUTHORITY ON CUBAN POLITICS, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
PROF. LUIS AGUILAR LEON, RET. PROFESSOR GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, REGULAR COLUMNIST OF THE MIAMI HERALD, REGULAR SPEAKER AT RADIO MARTI , FORMER PROFESSOR OF PRESIDENT CLINTON AND SCHOOL MATE OF FIDEL CASTRO.

PROF. ANTONIO JORGE, AUTHORITY ON CUBAN ECONOMICS, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

MR. CESAR ODIO, CITY MANAGER, CITY OF MIAMI, AND ONE OF THE KEY PERSONS WHO HANDLED THE "MARIEL CRISIS".

MR. HERMINIO SAN ROMAN, ESQ., PARTNER OF BECKER AND POLIAKOSS AND DIRECTOR OF THE HISPANIC OUTREACH PROGRAM OF THE FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

AMB. OTTO REICH, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA, PRESIDENT OF THE US CUBAN BUSINESS COUNCIL.

MR. JORGE PEREZ, PRESIDENT OF THE RELATED COMPANIES, "CORE GROUP".

MR. PAUL CEJAS, PRESIDENT OF THE CARE FLORIDA CORP. "CORE GROUP".

MR. ROBERTO SUAREZ, PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF THE MIAMI HERALD AND PUBLISHER OF THE "EL NUEVO HERALD".

MR. AMANCIO SUAREZ, SIGNIFICANT STOCKHOLDER (49%) OF RADIO MAMBI AND LA CUBANISIMA TWO OF THE HIGHEST RATED LOCAL STATIONS. (MR. PEREZ ROURA WORK FOR ONE OF HIS STATIONS)

RICHARD OPENED THE MEETING WITH THE STATEMENT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION MADE NO SECRET DEALS WITH CUBA AND THAT IF THERE WAS AN AREA WHERE THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN VERY CONSISTENT FROM DAY ONE WAS ON HIS STRONG VIEWS AGAINST CASTRO.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THE PRESIDENT, SHOULD MAKE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, A SIGNIFICANT SYMBOLIC GESTURE; SUCH AS THE HUMANITARIAN RELEASE OF THE CHILDREN.

2. A PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE LIVING AND HUMAN CONDITIONS AT THE BASE SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AT ONCE.
3. A PLAN FOR THE GRADUAL RELEASE OF THE FAMILY UNITS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED. THE VISIBILITY OF THE MILITARY SHOULD BE REDUCED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE
4. A JOINT CIVILIAN/MILITARY STRUCTURE SHOULD BE DEVELOPED FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CAMPS.
5. INCREASE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CUBAN/AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY RELATED PROGRAMS.
6. ALL OF THIS ACTIONS MUST BE HIGHLY PUBLICIZED TO THE COMMUNITY TO HELP RELEASE THE TENSION IN THE COMMUNITY.
7. IMPROVE PHONE AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE CAMP AND RELATIVES ABROAD

EVERYONE AT THE MEETING EXPRESSED THAT THE CURRENT POLICY OF "INDEFINITE STAY AT THE PROCESSING CENTERS" IS UNSUSTAINABLE AND THEIR CONCERN THAT IF WE DO NOT ADDRESS THIS ISSUES THAT LARGE DEMONSTRATIONS, THAT COULD EVEN TURN VIOLENT, WILL HAPPEN AT ANY TIME.

THOSE INVOLVED WITH THE SUMMIT EFFORT ARE AFRAID ANY SUCH MANIFESTATION WILL NEUTRALIZE THE SUMMIT AND EMBARRASS THE PRESIDENT. THEY ALSO INDICATED THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEED TO CAREFUL PROCESS BEFORE ALLOWING ANYONE INTO THE U.S.

MR. CESAR ODIO, HANDED TO RICHARD THE FILES 32 CASES OF CHILDREN THAT COULD QUALIFY FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE HYMENOPTERA RELEASE.

A VERY DISTURBING INFORMATION WAS GIVEN BY MR. FRANCISCO BLANCO WHO EXPRESSED THAT 10,000 PAIRS OF TENNIS SHOES DONATED BY HIS RELATIVES, MR. JOSE AND GUILLERMO MIRANDA OVER TWO WEEKS AGO, ARE STILL SITTING IN MIAMI.

MY PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE PRESIDENT IN HIS PROPOSED VISIT NEXT WEEK, SHOULD AT LEAST ADVISE THE COMMUNITY IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT THERE ARE "NO SIDE DEALS OF ANY KIND WITH CASTRO" AND ANNOUNCE HIS ENDORSEMENT OF AS MANY OF THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS AS POSSIBLE. AND THAT WE SHOULD HAVE IN PLACE A MASSIVE MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO DISSEMINATE HIS MESSAGE.

**WE HAVE THE PRESIDENT THAT HAS DONE THE MOST FOR THE CUBAN AMERICAN
COMMUNITY AND HE IS NOT GETTING THE CREDIT HE DESERVES.**

September 22, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR MACK McLARTY

FROM: JOE VELASQUEZ

SUBJECT: Cuban Crisis

Attached is a memo I sent to Joan concerning the Cuban crisis.

If we are not careful, the situation on Guantanamo could have a negative impact on the Summit of the Americas.

If we are still holding several thousand Cuban refugees in detention camps in December, not only will the Miami Cubans be upset, but the Latin American governments attending the Summit may be disappointed in us. Expect the rhetoric to be something like "the United States has our Latin brothers and sisters locked up in concentration camps and refuses to let them go." The Miami and national press may focus not on the good work of the summit but rather on the detention camps.

Let me know if you would like further information on this issue.

Thanks.

September 19, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR JOAN BAGGETT

FROM: JOE VELASQUEZ

SUBJECT: Cuba Crisis

We had a good trip to Guantanamo.

There is no doubt that the quality of life has to improve for the people now living in the detention centers, but we're confident this will get underway quickly now that the tide of rafters has slowed down.

Our concern is the political situation. Miami politics are under control, for now. We're getting support from the conservative elements in the community. But we need to make a decision -- quickly. The primary concern of the people in the detention centers is not their living conditions, although they rightfully complain about them. They want to know when they will be released to come to the United States. The Cuban exile community has the same concern. Both groups will start screaming soon.

We will soon have a public relations problem if we don't take action and begin some type of process to move the refugees out of Guantanamo. At the same time we should be sensitive to the November elections. We should announce something before we get pushed to do it.

I recommend we phase in the following:

1. Release hardship cases who have sponsors in Miami and who meet other criteria, e.g., people with disabilities, pregnant women, and the elderly.
2. Release children and one parent.
3. Figure out how to release refugees to other countries.
4. After November consider releasing everyone to other countries and even to the U.S.

Maria Arias Rodham is asking that we organize a broad base group of Cuban Americans to meet with the President. I agree and I've put in a scheduling request.

c: Mort Halperin

Fax . . .

September 6, 1994

To: Florida Core Group

From: Joe Velasquez . . . 202-456-6257

You should have received talking points on our decision to move Cubans and Haitians out of Guantanamo.

Please try to get a positive message out as soon as possible. We are announcing this at 12:00 noon today.

Thanks for your help. Call me at 202-456-6257 if you have been successful in talking to the media.

Fax . . .

September 6, 1994

To: Jorge Mas

From: Joe Velasquez . . . 202-456-6257

Attached are talking points on our decision to move Cubans and Haitians out of Guantanamo.

We are announcing this at 12:00 noon today.

Thanks for your support. Call me at 202-456-6257 if you have any questions.

**Talking Points
Movement from GTMO**

- We are beginning this week to move Cubans and Haitians to other safehavens.
- Beginning today, up to 5,000 Cubans will be moved to Panama. Approximately 150 will go this afternoon on the first plane.
- The departing Cubans are all volunteers.
- No force will be used and we believe it will not be necessary.
- Beginning later this week, we will start moving 2,500 Haitians to Suriname.
- GTMO has not reached its capacity, but this move relieves the pressure on Guantanamo and U.S. personnel. It also demonstrates that this is a regional solution to a regional problem.
- The policy of the United States is to ensure that Haitians and Cubans fleeing their repressive regimes be offered temporary refuge in safehavens until return to their home countries or resettlement in a third country becomes possible.
- Cuban nationals who do not choose to return home will be kept at GTMO or in other safehavens indefinitely.
- Cubans in safehavens will not be eligible for legal migration. They must first return to Cuba and apply.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 5, 1994

CTGF 160
Brigadier General Michael Williams
Commander
Guantanamo Naval Base

Dear General Williams:

On Tuesday, September 6, Dr. Rolando Bonachea, the Director of Radio Marti and Deputy Director of the United States Information Agency's Office of Cuba Broadcasting (OCB), will be travelling to Guantanamo Naval Base (GTMO) with a small group from OCB. This OCB group will arrive on flight A463PP//JH at 0720.

We request that you provide Dr. Bonachea and the OCB group with your full cooperation so that their tasks and mission are completed successfully.

Dr. Bonachea and his group will conduct technical operations to establish camp access to Radio Marti broadcasts. It would be of great help if Dr. Bonachea were granted access to all camps and be allowed to meet with camp leaders and other individuals.

Dr. Bonachea will bring tape recorders for radio programming purposes designed to support the U.S. government mission via broadcast efforts.

We appreciate your cooperation and assistance in assuring the success of this mission. Dr. Bonachea will report to the White House immediately upon his return to Washington, D.C. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 456-9241. Thank you for your help.

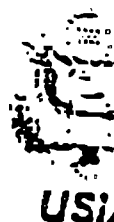
Sincerely,



Morton H. Halperin
Special Assistant to the President and
Senior Director for Democracy, National Security Council

Office of Cuba Broadcasting
Bureau of Broadcasting

Washington, D.C. 20547

IMPORTANTPlease deliver immediately**FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

TO: Name MR. Joe Velasquez
Office _____
Fax # 202-456-7929
Date _____ Time _____

FROM: Name DR. Rolando Bonachea
FAX -- (202) 401-3340 TEL -- (202) 401-7013

MESSAGE

When you fax this, write on
the cover sheet; Attention:
Lt. Colonel Lennon Tatum.
FAX #: 011 5399 5022

David
401-7013

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[ONLY IF ASKED:]

NO FORCE WILL BE USED

There are no plans to use force in the future and we believe that it will not be necessary.]

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U.S. Department of Labor

Deputy Under Secretary for
International Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20210



September 2, 1994

FAX:202/456-7929

Mr. Joseph Velasquez
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
OEOB, Rm. 115
17th & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20500-004

Dear Joe,

On behalf of the Cuban-American Administration Officials who visited your office yesterday, I want to thank you for briefing us on the current status of the Cuban situation. Our meeting with Eric Schwartz was extremely beneficial, and we certainly appreciated the large amount of time and information that you gave us.

I feel confident speaking for the other attendees in saying that we want you to look at this group - and hopefully it will continue to grow - as a resource. We stand ready to help in any way you and the administration feels is proper.

As you have surmised, the issue of Cuba is something that is of great importance to all of us. Your support is greatly appreciated, as well as your invitation to assist in developing and carrying out the message.

By Tuesday you'll receive a list of those contacts we are now calling as agreed. Also, enclosed is my proposal for a blue-ribbon presidential commission. The paper was hastily drafted to give emphasis to my proposal and thus it's not a refined document. If you want, I can do better.

We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JACK". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "J" and a trailing "K".

Joaquin F. Otero
Deputy Under Secretary

Attendees - Briefing of September 1, 1994

- Jack Otero
Deputy Under Secretary for International Affairs
Department of Labor
- Roberto Rodriguez
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy
Department of Labor
- Nelson Reynieri
Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, OSHA
Department of Labor
- Alejandro J. Palacios
Deputy Assistant Administrator
Bureau of Legislative and Public Affairs
Agency for International Development
- Dr. Jorge Perez Lopez
Director, Office of Economic International Affairs
Bureau of International Labor Affairs
Department of Labor
- Jose Pardo Kronemann
Office of the General Counsel
Department of Housing and Urban Development

Other Cuban-American USG Officials who should be invited to future briefings on the Cuban situation.

1. Lula Rodriguez, USIA
2. Marta Vilarchao, Radio Marti
3. Pedro Pablo Permuy, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Roberto Menendez(D., N.J.)
4. Elio Muller, U.S. Department of Commerce
5. Angelina Marie Ornelas, HUD
6. Dick Lobo, USIA

Note: There may be other Cuban-American political appointees in the administration whose names and agencies are unknown to me.

9/2/94

Concept Paper

**PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF
U.S.-CUBA RELATIONS**

Purpose

To analyze the current state of U.S.-Cuba relations and to develop short- and long-term policy recommendations to improve and strengthen those relations in a climate of democracy and mutual respect.

Make-Up of the Commission

The Commission would be a non-partisan body, composed of representatives from the business and labor sectors, arts and entertainment, academia, government (federal and local), Congress, and the public at large.

- It would have as members some Cuban-Americans and other individuals from other backgrounds. The main qualification for being on the Commission is knowledge about U.S.-Cuban relations and/or an interest in strong U.S.-Cuban relations.
- The head of the Commission would have to be a person that would inspire confidence and be above partisan bickering. A non-Cuban-American would be preferable.
 - A former Secretary of State (Vance, Schulz), a prominent politician (Gov. Dukakis or Gov. Weicker) or some other figure (Brezinski, Ray Marshall) would be a good choice.
 - Brezinski has some pluses: his anti-communist credentials are beyond reproach, he worked for a Democratic President, he knows a great deal about policy development and the Washington ways, and he is probably sympathetic to the case of a free and democratic Cuba from his Polish background.
 - Ray Marshall was an outstanding Secretary of Labor, well respected by business and labor, and with a great deal of interest on international issues.
- The Commission would have 30 members, in order to be able to make as inclusive as possible. Subcommittees may be created to deal with specific issues.

Lists of potential members of the Commission, experts, and staff are attached.

Areas of Work

The Commission would be expected to analyze and develop recommendations on at least the following issues:

Short term

- Migration problems
- Carrots to encourage positive change in Cuba (applying or strengthening track-two of Torricelli bill)
- Trade embargo and possible changes
- Other areas for negotiation with Cuba beyond migration

Longer term

- Conditions for diplomatic recognition of Cuba
- U.S. assistance (food, financial, cultural, etc.) to Cuba
- Commercial relations with Cuba

Timeframe

The Presidential Commission would be formed around October 1, 1994 and would have 7 months to complete its work. The President could receive the results, for example, with a ceremony held on May 20, 1995.

Format

- The Commission would work from background papers/studies prepared by academics, either papers that already exist or commissioned studies.
- The full Commission would be expected to meet at least three times during its lifespan. More frequent meetings of the full Commission, or of subcommittees, are also possible.
- The Commission would be open to receive input from the public; it would hold at least one hearing to receive public input in Washington and a field hearing in Miami; perhaps other field hearings would also be held in New Jersey, California, or New York.
- The Commission would be expected to consider all reasonable views presented and prepare a catalog of possible options for consideration by the President.

- **To the extent possible, the Commission would try to develop consensus recommendations. Dissenting/minority views would be permitted as well.**
- **Objective is not necessarily to force one specific set of policies. Rather, the idea is to provide an array of options that the President might consider.**
- **To avoid being considered as interfering in internal Cuban matters, the Commission would refrain from making recommendations on specific Cuban laws, programs, etc.**
- **Members of the Commission would not draw a salary, but could be reimbursed for expenses related to meeting attendance.**
- **The Commission would have an Executive Director and a Research Director and about 4 staff members. These individuals may be detailed from Executive Branch jobs.**
- **The Executive Director and Research Director, together with the staff, would develop preliminary agendas and a timeline for the work of the Commission.**
- **The Commission would be expected to commission papers by experts (to the minimum extent possible) and print its final report.**

POSSIBLE COMMISSION MEMBERS

Congress

House: Menendez (D), Diaz-Balart (R), Rangel (D), Bereuter (R)

Senate: Graham (D), Bradley (D), Mack (R), Kassebaum (R)

Labor

Tom Donahue, Jose Collado, Lenore Miller

Business

Goizueta and Mas Canosa; CEOs of a few big companies (e.g., Lee Iaccoca)

Arts and Entertainment

Gloria Estefan (singer), Edward J. Olmos (actor), Oscar Hijuelos (author), Tom LaSorda (sports)

Government

State/Local: Gov. Chiles; Mayor of Miami; Alex Penelas (Miami-Dade Commissioner);

Gloria Molina (LA County Supervisor); Miriam Santos (Treasurer, City of Chicago)

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FIU Cuban Refugee Policy Survey

About the Poll

SURVEY TYPE: Telephone, Random-Digit-Dialed

DATE OF INTERVIEWING: August 20, 1994

CONDUCTED BY: The Institute for Public Opinion Research
School of Journalism and Mass Communication
Florida International University.

SAMPLE: Dade County Residents 18 years of age or older.

NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS: 240

MARGIN OF ERROR: 6% for all 240 respondents
10% for 98 Cuban respondents
8% for 142 non-Cuban respondents
8% for 136 Hispanic respondents
10% fo 86 non-Hispanic respondents

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FIU Cuban Refugee Policy Survey

Question 1: First, have you heard anything about the change in policy on Cuban refugees that President Clinton announced yesterday?

	Have Heard
All Respondents	89%
Cuban	95%
Non-Cuban	85%
Hispanic	92%
Non-Hispanic	88%

Question 2: The changes announced yesterday end for now the policy of granting automatic entry into the United States for Cuban refugees. Two important changes are being made. The first change is that Cuban refugees that make it to Florida shores will no longer be immediately released into the community but will be detained until it is determined whether they are eligible for political asylum in the United States. Do you favor or oppose this change in policy?

	Favor
All Respondents	66%
Cuban	52%
Non-Cuban	76%
Hispanic	54%
Non-Hispanic	84%

Question 4: The second change is that refugees rescued at sea will be taken to the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo and will not be allowed to apply for residence in the United States. Do you favor or oppose this change?

	Favor
All Respondents	43%
Cuban	19%
Non-Cuban	60%
Hispanic	26%
Non-Hispanic	70%

Question 6: Taking into account the new policy toward Cuban refugees, do you think that Cuban and Haitian refugees will be treated equally by the United States, that Haitian refugees will be treated worse, or that Cuban refugees will be treated worse?

	Equally	Haitians Worse	Cubans Worse
All Respondents	42%	35%	4%
Cuban	50%	22%	7%
Non-Cuban	36%	44%	2%
Hispanic	51%	26%	6%
Non-Hispanic	28%	50%	2%

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Question 7: What effect do you think the new U.S. policy will have on refugees trying to come to the United States from Cuba? Do you think the new policy will greatly reduce the flow of refugees, that it will moderately reduce the flow, or do you feel that the new policy will not reduce at all the number of Cubans who try to come to the U.S.?

	Greatly Reduced	Moderately Reduced	Not Reduced At All
All Respondents	15%	34%	43%
Cuban	18%	23%	53%
Non-Cuban	13%	41%	36%
Hispanic	19%	26%	48%
Non-Hispanic	10%	47%	36%

Question 8: How much longer do you think Fidel Castro will stay in power in Cuba? Would you say a few months or less, about a year or so, or do you think he will stay in power for a long time more?

	A Few Months Or Less	A Year Or So	A Long Time More
All Respondents	9%	17%	43%
Cuban	8%	18%	37%
Non-Cuban	9%	15%	48%
Hispanic	10%	19%	38%
Non-Hispanic	6%	15%	53%

Question 10: What do you think about the role that Governor Lawton Chiles played in the change in policy? Do you feel that he played a major role, a minor role, or no role at all in bringing about the policy changes?

	Major Role	Minor Role	No Role
All Respondents	45%	20%	9%
Cuban	42%	16%	12%
Non-Cuban	47%	22%	7%
Hispanic	43%	16%	9%
Non-Hispanic	50%	26%	10%

Question 11: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Governor Chiles has handled this situation?

	Approve
All Respondents	48%
Cuban	41%
Non-Cuban	54%
Hispanic	39%
Non-Hispanic	65%

US Policy toward Cuba Speaking Points

Background

The current situation in Cuba is a direct result of and a testament to the failed policies of Castro. The large number of people willing to flee Cuba reflects the growing frustration of the Cuban people; the encouragement given by the Castro regime for people to flee in unsafe rafts is an indication of Castro's weakening grip and his desire to divert attention from Cuba's internal problems.

Main Themes

1. The President has made it clear: the answer to Cuba's internal problems are economic and political reform and Castro will not be allowed to export Cuba's problems to the United States. Undocumented migrants from Cuba will not be allowed to enter the United States.
2. Castro's safety valve of encouraging Cubans to risk their lives at sea is despicable and unacceptable. The U.S. will do everything within its power to ensure that Cuban lives are saved and that people stop risking their lives. Several people have already died and several are still unaccounted for as some rafts are found empty.

Secondary Themes

1. The best hope for democracy in Cuba is for the Cuban people to stop risking their lives and to stay in Cuba and work toward a democratic future.
2. Cubans who desire to reach the United States should not risk their lives at sea but rather take advantage of the legal immigration available through the US Interest Section in Havana.
3. There has been no change to the economic embargo placed on Cuba. The President's actions to stop remittances and reduce charter flights are increasing pressure.

For Press Interviews: Call Tara at 456-9271 w/questions.

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Messages for 26 August:

1. IS THE POLICY WORKING: Since the President's announcement over 11,000 migrants headed for US shores have been picked up from sea by the Coast Guard and Navy and on their way to or already at Guantanamo. The Coast Guard and Navy have enough resources to deal with the flow of migrants in a safe and orderly fashion. With Navy support the Coast Guard will soon begin diverting cutters back to other routine missions.
2. WHY ARE FLOWS STILL SO HIGH: We anticipated it would take time for Cubans to fully understand, through our message and more importantly our actions, they would not reach the US by setting out in rafts. Cubans in Guantanamo have already said on news reports that if they'd fully understood where they would end up they would not have risked their lives.
3. BUT WILL CUBANS ULTIMATELY BE ALLOWED ENTRY TO THE US: No they will not. The pictures speak for themselves. We are expanding the capacity at Guantanamo and finalizing plans for safe havens in other countries. We are acting quickly to back up our words.
4. WON'T CUBANS DETAINED IN THE US BE RELEASED INTO THE COMMUNITY: The Cubans will be accorded their rights under US law. We have no plans to release them and that is why they are still in detention. They have the opportunity to apply for asylum.
5. ARE WE NEGOTIATING WITH CASTRO TO CUT A DEAL: No we are not. Since established by President Reagan in 1984 there have been continuing talks with Cuba regarding migration issues, these may be the talks some people are misinterpreting as negotiations.
6. ARE WE GOING TO REPATRIATE CUBANS: We are not planning nor discussing forcibly returning Cubans to Cuba. It has always been US policy that if a Cuban comes to America and then decides he or she wants to return, we would allow them to return. There has been no change to that policy.

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Cuba Migration Situation

Summary

Friday August 26, 1994

12:00 Noon

1. The number of Cubans intercepted has decreased in the last day and a half (uncertain if due to weather or message). At the time of the meeting the Coast Guard was dealing with a hijacked Cuban ferry; the situation will be handled through a standard PD27 interagency process.
2. Krome detention facility could physically handle more people if necessary but it is at preferred maximum capacity (just under 700). Yesterday, 49 Cuban detainees were transported to the Port Isabel, Texas detention facility.
3. There are approximately 12,000 Cubans (and 14,500 Haitians) at Guantanamo. Capacity at the base will be 32,000 tomorrow and 40,000 by Sep 5.
4. Anticipated safe haven readiness: Suriname around 3 Sep; Panama around 3 Sep (2500 capacity the first day and additional 2500 every 5 days); TCI 5 Sep (2500 capacity).
5. USPHS has agreed to do medevac's as long as funding is identified; INS will review and discuss with PHS. Disciplinary procedures are being reviewed by INS and the camp management subgroup.
6. The military communications link will go on line as planned Sep 1 and NOT be announced. If there are public questions it should be clear that the link has nothing to do with the current situation and has been in the works for about one year.
7. Radio broadcasts into Cuba are anticipated to begin next week. Remittance and charter flight regulations will be announced today at 1:30 P.M. and a hotline will be run by CRS with Treasury support.
8. By COB today, agencies should provide input to Eric Schwartz (456-9351) regarding the legal immigration options paper.
9. State will develop a paper summarizing the outreach program to other countries and their reactions/support of our efforts.

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Messages for 29 August:

1. WHAT ARE WE NEGOTIATING WITH CASTRO THIS WEEK: We are not opening negotiations with Castro. What the State Dept press release mentioned was the continuation of bilateral migration talks which began in 1984; the issues deal only with the promotion of legal, orderly and safe migration. The meetings are alternately held in the US and Cuba; the last session was in Santiago, Cuba in December 1993.

2. ISN'T IT TRUE THAT THE TRIP IS NOW SAFER FOR CUBANS WITH COAST GUARD CUTTERS JUST 12 MILES FROM HAVANA: This is a serious misrepresentation. Most Cubans are picked up by the Coast Guard around 30 to 40 miles from Cuba after one to two days at sea - this is still an extremely dangerous and life threatening risk.

3. AREN'T THE LOWER NUMBER OF CUBANS BEING INTERCEPTED JUST DUE TO WEATHER: Although bad weather has deterred some Cubans from risking their lives, it's unclear how much of the decrease is due to weather since the lower numbers seen by the Coast Guard on Thursday and Friday would have left Cuba one to two days before the weather deteriorated. We believe word is getting around in Cuba that those Cubans who leave are not getting to the United States.

4. WON'T YOU SOON RUN OUT OF SPACE TO PUT CUBANS:

Paranoid

No, not only has the flow decreased but we also have several hundred Cubans in Guantanamo already asking to return to Cuba, (specific numbers and process for return will be forthcoming). Guantanamo is being increased significantly and additional safe havens for Cubans and Haitians will be announced this week. We are confident that we will have enough space for both groups.

5. WHAT ABOUT THE CALLS TO BLOCKADE CUBA: There is no discussion of a blockade. As Secretary Christopher said on Sunday, we are not giving any consideration to a blockade of Cuba.

Here's what we are doing: The measures announced by the President to prohibit remittances and significantly reduce charter flights are adding pressure on the Cuban government and were instituted Friday. These measures are an indication of our seriousness in cutting off money which is used by Castro to support his failed economy.

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6. WHAT'S BEING DONE FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED TO SEND MONEY TO CUBA FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES: As is always the case, documented humanitarian problems will be accommodated on a case by case basis. The Treasury department has opened a temporary office in Miami to help people with specific needs. Packages with food and medicine and other humanitarian items can still be sent.

(Treasury has more details.)

7. IS THERE DISAGREEMENT WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION ABOUT OUR CUBA POLICY: Not at all. There is complete agreement in the administration that the problem in Cuba is Castro and his failed policies and there is complete agreement that the economic embargo must continue and that added pressure, as initiated by the President last week, will help in the movement toward democratic reform.

QUESTION:

WHY DO WE REFUSE TO TALK TO THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT WHEN WE TALK TO OTHER NON-DEMOCRATIC REGIMES SUCH AS NORTH KOREA AND CHINA?

ANSWER:

1. CUBAN DEMOCRACY ACT SETS THE FRAMEWORK

American policy towards Cuba is set out in the Cuban Democracy Act which was passed with bi-partisan majorities in both Houses and with the support of both President Bush and candidate Bill Clinton. The CDA clearly spells out the conditions under which we would be willing to discuss the reduction or removal of sanctions -- the main issue that the Cuban government wants to discuss.

It establishes as American policy that we will maintain the sanctions as long as Cuba continues to refuse to move toward democratization and greater respect for human rights and that we will be prepared to reduce the sanctions in carefully calibrated ways in response to positive developments in Cuba. We have not seen any such progress.

It is worth noting that this policy is not a relic of the Cold War. It was adopted by the Congress after full public debate after the end of the Cold War. It reflexes a national consensus on what our policy toward Cuba should be in the post-Cold War period.

2. CONSENSUS FOR DEMOCRACY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The Western Hemisphere is different from the rest of the world. There is a consensus in the region, reflected very clearly in OAS resolutions, that democratic governments based on free elections are the only legitimate form of government. We do not talk to or deal with any group in any Latin American government which does not have a democratically elected leader. Thus, we talk to the de-facto authorities in Haiti only about the means of their departure. If there were a coup in any other Latin America country we would not deal with the de-facto authorities. We should not make an exception for the Cuban government. As noted above, we are ready to talk to them when they take irrevocable steps toward democracy.

3. SECURITY INTERESTS

The United States has important security interests at stake in relations with countries such as China and Korea. In such situations it would be irresponsible to refuse to talk to them about such matters. A Korean nuclear weapon would create serious security problems which cannot be ignored. We need China's cooperation on Korea and many other security problems. This does not mean that we ignore human rights issues. In fact, we have a dialogue with China on human rights of a kind that Castro has stated that he is not willing to have. However, we cannot refuse to talk to them about security matters.

In the case of Cuba, our interests are limited to migration questions and the promotion of democracy. Thus, it makes sense for us to have talks only about migration issues now and to be willing to talk to the Cubans about issues on their agenda only when they make progress toward democracy.

MIGRATION TALKS POINTS

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1. The State Department is announcing today that Cuba and the United States have agreed to hold another round of migration talks in New York next week.
2. This will be another session of long standing talks begun in 1984.
3. The talks will deal only with migration issues of mutual concern including orderly migration and legal migration.
4. This forum will not be used for discussion of any other issues. The position of the administration in opposition to negotiations with Castro is unchanged.

TV / Radio Marti Points

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Technical Initiatives to Enhance/Intensify Broadcasting to Cuba:
List is current as of Thursday evening, 25 Aug 94.

1. Increased TV Marti broadcast schedule from 2.5 hours to 4.5 hours. Broadcasts now begin at 0330 AM and continue until 0800 AM. Represents a 80% increase in broadcast hours. (23 Aug).
2. Varied the pointing azimuth of the TV Marti broadcast beam to several points between the beginning and the end of the scheduled broadcast. Ensured that a portion of the program was aimed directly toward the costal area near Cojimar. (23Aug).
3. Increased output power of the TV Marti transmitter to the absolute maximum or slightly above 33,000 watts (33 kW) effective radiated power. (23 Aug).
3. Raised the power of Radio Marti's medium wave (AM) transmitter from 50,000 watts (50 kW) to 100,000 watts (100 kW) for daylight hours operation. (24 Aug).
4. Changed three frequencies and added an additional four frequencies to Radio Marti's shortwave broadcast schedule. This change provided a total of ten frequencies and enabled Radio Marti to transmit 33 hours of shortwave broadcast time daily into Cuba. (23 Aug).
5. Added an additional seven new frequencies to Radio Marti's shortwave schedule. This change provides a total of seventeen frequencies and enables Radio Marti to transmit 71 hours of shortwave broadcast time daily into Cuba. Represents a 115% increase in total shortwave broadcast time from the scheduled implemented on Aug 23. (25 Aug).
6. Leased twelve hours of medium wave (AM) broadcast time on the 1020 kHz commercial station on Grand Turk Island, British West Indies. Purpose of this lease was to test this station's potential for supplementing Radio Marti's 1180 kHz AM broadcast service to the eastern part of Cuba. Results are being evaluated. (25 Aug).

NEW REGULATIONS Points

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1. Treasury today is issuing the regulations to complement the decisions the President announced last Saturday.
2. The regulations will prohibit remittances from Cuban Americans to relatives on Cuba.
3. As always, those with very serious humanitarian problems can apply for a specific license.
4. Cuban Americans will no longer be permitted to take charter flights to Cuba to visit relatives.
5. Charter flights will continue at a reduced level but only for those who are licensed by Treasury to travel to Cuba.

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United States Information Agency**INFORMATION MEMO**

August 31, 1994

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B/VOA - Geoffrey Cowan

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

FROM: B/C - Rolando E. Bonachea *RB*

SUBJECT: OCB Coverage of the Crisis in Cuba

As the rush of Cuban refugees at sea continues for a second week, coverage by Radio and TV Marti has adapted to respond to the situation in a consistent fashion. Longer news bulletins, new expanded newscasts, special rafter segments, frequent weather reports, advisories by the US Government, and immigration policy pronouncements are now a regular part of Radio Marti's crisis programming. Entertainment programs have been redirected to fulfill the goal of dissuading Cubans from fleeing the island on flimsy rafts and make-shift vessels. Short special features and public service Family Bridge messages from relatives in the US to loved ones on the island reinforce the theme, "Please don't go. Don't risk your lives."

cc: D - Joseph Duffey
D - Penn Kemble

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September 22, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR TOM ROSS AND CALVIN MITCHELL

FROM: JOE VELASQUEZ

SUBJECT: Press Strategy for Miami Cuban Community

We need a plan for the Miami media with regard to the Cuban crisis.

They appear starved for information and we're not spinning it as well as we could. There are blatant inaccuracies in a lot of the stories and their spin is often not to our advantage. We have friends in the media who we're not using. Some ideas:

- 1) Is it possible to have press briefings several times a week to keep them updated on what we're doing?
- 2) When media people visit GTMO and Krome, can we define a "political" press person to accompany them and make sure their questions are answered?
- 3) Can we put out regular press statements on all the good things we're doing to improve conditions in the detention centers? We need to make a big deal when we make significant improvements in the camps and when we release people. We should create "events" on these occasions.
- 4) Can we make Mort Halperin regularly available for TV and radio interviews?
- 5) Should we ID a group of opinion makers that we could keep informed and ask to serve as surrogates.

My suggestions are from the point of view of a political organizer, not a press person. Can somebody in your shop put together a written plan on our strategy for the Miami media so we know our bases are covered?

Please let me know if and how I can help.

Thanks.

U.S. Department of Labor

Deputy Under Secretary for
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Washington, D.C. 20210



September 9, 1994

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To: Joe Velásquez, White House

From: Jack Otero, DOL *Jack*
Deputy Under Secretary

Subject: Cuba crisis

Two days ago the Dade County Democratic Party announced the creation of a Cuba Task Force to be chaired by businessman and political activist Fausto B. Gómez. This is an important development and adds urgency to my earlier proposal that the President create a National Cuba Task Force to assist him in formulating policy as the Cuban crisis continues to unfold.

I strongly urge you to acknowledge Mr. Fausto B. Gómez as a strong and capable Cuban-American leader who can be very helpful to the administration in these critical issues. Mr. Gómez should be added to the list of key leaders to be invited to the White House on all events dealing with Cuba. His address is:

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Also for your convenience, I enclose a list of highly credible and effective Cuban American community and political activists in the Miami area who have pledged to help the President and the administration on the Cuban crisis. I understand that, for the most part, these individuals have not been asked to participate in the Cuba crisis meeting held by administration representatives in Miami.

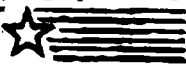
I intend to amplify this information at the 4:30 p.m. meeting today in your office.

cc: Susana Váldez
Nelson Reyneri
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Jorge Pérez-Lopez

The Task Force has requested meetings with the Chairmen of the Hispanic and Black Congressional Caucuses in order to demand even-handed treatment with regard to policies dealing with Haiti and Cuba and meetings with the Secretaries of the State and Treasury Departments and Attorney General Janet Reno to urge full enforcement of the sanctions that the President has announced and to urge continued strong steps, including support of dissident groups and the internal and external opposition.

The announcement follows a large meeting of Cuban community leaders held at the Biltmore Hotel last Monday at which time a call was made to Cubans on the island to not risk their lives on flimsily rafts trying to cross the Florida straits but to live and struggle for democracy in Cuba. Over seventy-five people attended the three-hour meeting, including two Cuban-American leaders who met with the President last week, Summit of the Americas Executive Director Luis Lauredo and Miami City Manager Cesar Odio. Also in attendance were Maria Victoria Arias, wife of U. S. Senate candidate Hugh Rodham; Miami City Commissioner Willy Gort; and representatives of U. S. Senator Bob Graham, Congresswoman Carrie Meek, and Congressman Peter Deutsch; as well as representatives of several Metro Commissioners. The group expressed general support for the steps taken to date by President Clinton while urging that further actions against the Castro regime be undertaken.

DADE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY



DEMOCRATIC PRIDE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Dade Democratic Chairman Joe Geller announced today the creation of a Cuba Task Force to advise local and national political leaders on policy steps regarding events in the island and invited his Republican counterpart to join in this effort. Chairman Geller stated "Now is not the time for partisan politics. It is time for all persons, notwithstanding their political affiliation, to join together on behalf of the cause of a free Cuba and in support of those individuals risking their lives in search of freedom. We call on all members of this community to support the decisive action taken by President Clinton in confronting the dictator Castro and in protecting our national interest."

Fausto Gomez, a prominent Dade civic leader and President of Gomez Barker Associates, Inc. of Miami was named by Geller as Chairman of the Task Force. In accepting the Task Force appointment, Gomez stated "Castro is using human lives as a bargaining chip to save his failed Revolution. His motives are transparent and we need to support the vigorous and effective measures taken by the Clinton Administration. Castro is on the ropes and now is the time to turn up the heat with consideration given to all available options. We must also insure fair and humane treatment of Cuban political refugees and call for the appointment of an experienced Cuban-American civilian to coordinate aid to the refugees at the various havens. We request that the Chairmen of both political parties mobilize their members in Congress to support strong measures leading to the liberation of Cuba."

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The group didn't
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Schedule Proposal

September 21, 1994

ACCEPT

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PENDING

TO: Ricki Seidman

FROM: Joe Velasquez

REQUEST: For the President to meet with about 25 Cuban American leaders to discuss the situation in Cuba.

PURPOSE: To touch base with a group of important opinion leaders from the Cuban exile community regarding the continuing implementation of our Cuban refugee policy.

BACKGROUND: Our Cuba policy met with initial approval among the Cuban American community, but we now need to shore up that support. Continuing to detain the Cuban refugees in Guantanamo indefinitely will cause a political problem. A chance for these leaders to discuss their concerns in a meeting with the President could allay their desire to speak critically of our policy.

A meeting would also give our friends in the community a chance to have their concerns heard directly by the President. The meeting in late August was set up on short notice and many of our key supporters who we invited were unable to attend.

PARTICIPANTS: About 25 Cuban American leaders from South Florida, including DNC trustees and other early supporters, key opinion-makers, and respected community activists. Maria Arias Rodham will advise who should be included.

DATE/TIME: Before Secretary Christopher gives his speech on the Cuban situation next week.

REMARKS: Talking points to be provided by NSC.

LOCATION: Roosevelt Room/Cabinet Room

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photo only

VPOTUS ATTENDANCE: Requested

RECOMMENDED BY: Political Affairs

CONTACT: Joe Velasquez, x6-6257

UNCLASSIFIED
FAX TRANSMITTAL SHEET
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TO:

JOE VELASQUEZ

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

MORT IS WONDERING
IF YOU KNOW WHO MARIA IS + WHAT
THIS IS ABOUT. THANKS.

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At some point, a
meeting w/ Cuban leaders
should be held. I
would be more than
happy to help in
the "coordination" of
the meeting. Wanda



7342 Staff

Javier D. Souto
Metropolitan Dade County Commissioner
District 10
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Date: 09/01/94

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Comments:

Maria,

I would like to speak to
you regarding this letter.

Javier

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JAVIER SOUTO
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
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August 31, 1994

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

Dear Mr. President:

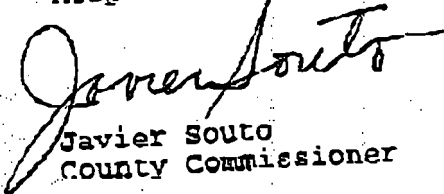
Over the years the White House has had an annual tradition of inviting members of the Cuban exile community to celebrate the Independence Day of the Republic of Cuba on the 20th of May.

Mr. President, at this moment of great anguish for the Cubans in exile, who have suffered for 35 years the pain of separation from their families, loved ones and homeland, I respectfully request that you receive a delegation representing a cross-section of the Cuban exile community to discuss the recent events in Cuba and your policy towards Castro. You may consider this meeting in lieu of the annual reception on the 20th of May, as nothing is more important in terms of Cuban independence to the more than one and a half million Cubans in exile and their children, than the current crisis in Cuba and the policy determinations that your Administration will make in the coming days.

I urge you, Mr. President, to be very attentive to the petitions of the Cubans in exile, in this our hour of need, since we believe that the concerns of the majority of the Cuban people in exile have not been well understood.

We would like to explain to you our concerns and meet with you as soon as possible.

Respectfully,


Javier Souto
County Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

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9/21

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: NANCY H

RE: MEMO FROM MARIA RODHAM

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FROM: MARIA VICTORIA ARIAS RODRIGUEZ
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FILE #:

RE: SEE MEMO ATTACHED

DATE: September 16, 1994
TIME: 4:34 pm
NUMBER OF PAGES TO FOLLOW: 4

MESSAGE: Please review the attached. Thank you.

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September 27, 1994

MEMORANDUM TO: Maria Victoria Arias Clinton
FROM: Joe Velasquez
RE: Cuban Policy Memo

I reviewed the memo you forwarded regarding the Administration's Cuba policy from Perez, Bolanos, Braceras, Ferro and San Roman. While the memo raised some valid *perceptions* ~~concerns~~, it failed to present a balanced picture of our ~~many~~ attempts to keep Cuban American community leaders informed. There are several reasons I believe the memo lacks credibility.

From the onset, the Administration has looked to the Florida Core group for their advise and counsel. Our purpose in creating the Core group was not to devise a team to set our policy, but to provide a forum to discuss the implications of the President's policy.

Suzanna Valdez and Rita have communicated regularly with the members of the group and continue to update them on current developments. The Core group was invited to the White House to discuss the implications of the Cuba crisis, along with the Governor, Jorge Mas, Maria Elena, Cesar, Luis and the others. Unfortunately, Simon, Alfie and Paul couldn't make the meeting since they were in the Dominican Republic. George Perez was in the hospital and also ~~missed the meeting~~. As you know, the circumstances dictated an immediate response and more notice to participants would have been impossible.

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On the day of the President's announcement, Suzanna Valdez and Rita had extensive phone conversations with most of the Core group prior to the meeting. They ~~were~~ *with the President* ~~getting~~ *giving them* constant updates of the day's events as they were breaking. ~~We have~~ made every attempt to maintain constant communication. However, as you know, the process has been frustrating from the ~~very~~ beginning. I'm sure Paul, George and Pablo would agree that putting together the group and getting them to work together as a team has not been easy. Even putting together a list of community leaders for Hispanic Heritage Day proved to be a nightmare.

Despite the competing interests and diverse groups at play, I believe the community politics are good. ~~I would be interested in knowing why the Democrats didn't sign the memo.~~ The President needs complete information. You should attempt to seek information from those who declined to be named.

*ON + HIS
Crisis*

MANY

- ① FCG involvement
- ② JMC power -- why his being included
negative power
acquiesce somewhat
- ③ Your efforts to involve FCG
 - 1st mtg
 - trip to Miami
 - GTMO →
- ④ Failure of FCG to capitalize
release of prisoners - FCG told first, CANF first on air.
- ⑤ until the crisis, the only people we dealt w/ were
the members of the FCG. This crisis has given
us an opportunity to expand our base and make new contacts
- ⑥ FCG never offered anything positive
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- ⑧ if there's a perception of a problem, there's a problem
Not all the core group is angry
They don't like JMC, but he's got a negative power
~~Bottom~~ line is that the politics are taken care of
- ⑨ They agree w/ the policy.

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SCHEDULE FOR JOE VELASQUEZ
AUGUST 23, 1994

Marta

9:00 a.m.

ARRIVE MIAMI DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
300 NE 2nd Avenue

9:00 to
10:00 a.m.

(OK)

MEET WITH MIAMI DADE C.C. PRESIDENT EDUARDO PEDRON
Miami Dade Community College (location TBD)

W: 237-3391

237-3203

3724 fax

H: 285-0506

10:00 a.m. to
10:45 a.m.

MEETING WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS I
MDCC (Location TBD)

The line in this meeting should be fairly soft. The participants are all veterans of the Mariel boat lift and will be most concerned about the refugees -- especially those being held here. Lula calls most of them saints.

Participants (tentative list):

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✓ Siro del Castillo 441-1523 10:15

✓ Julio Estorino 441-2420

✓ Luisa Garcia Toledo 387-9477

Ralph Penalver 579-9000 Mariana

No Monsignor Roman 854-2405 854-4285

7⁰⁰ p.m. - 8

11:00 to
11:45 a.m.

MEETING WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS II
MDDC (Location TBD)

Participants here are more concerned about South Florida and putting pressure on Castro. They will want to hear more about the four points.

Participants (tentative list):

✓ Jose Basulto 477-1868

✓ Eduardo Padron 237-3391

NO Antonio Jorge 348-2556

✓ Osvaldo Soto 567-0010

NO Willaim Alexander 642-3870

854-4456

279-2333 3⁰⁰

590-2156

590-2151

445-4002
445-4001
#445-4040

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Cond Way
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Radio Mankie

① Story Pete Tarnoff → ready to negotiate w/ Castro

② Cuban radio - Castro beginning to send prisoners : 4:05 patients

12:00 p.m.

LUNCH WITH JORGE MAS, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Casa Juancho
2436 SW 8th Street

53055 ^{Bill} Danvers

Participants (tentative list):

Jorge Mas
✓ Lincoln Diaz Balart
✓ Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
✓ Peter Deutsch
✓ Carrie Meek

Torricelli
March 5. Graham will be briefed
Hamilton, Dodd.

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2:30 p.m.

MEETING AT THE CANF

Cuban American National Foundation Headquarters
7300 NW 35th Terrace

Participants (tentative list):

Roberto Rdrgz. Aragon	-	Junta Patriotica
Jose Basulto	-	Hermanos al Rescate
Julio Estorino	-	Municipios de Cuba en Exilo
Tomas Garcia Fuste	-	WCMQ Radio, News Director
Andres Vargas Gomez	-	Unidad Cubana
Pepe Miro	-	Brigada 2506
Col. Armando Montes	-	Cuban Am. Veterans Ass'n.
Cesar Odio	-	Miami City Manager
Luis Sabines	-	CAMACOL (Latin CoC)
Xavier Suarez	-	Fmr. Mayor, City of Miami
Miguel Tudela	-	Municipios de Cuba en Exilo

5:00 p.m.

MEETING WITH MEDIA EXECUTIVES

~~Diario de Las Americas~~
~~2900 NW 39th Street~~
444-9292

Miami Dade

Participants:

Myrna SORDA (ND) ^{Call}
Helga SILVA (AND)
Amelia Marrero (Mgn. Editor)

✓ Amancio Suarez -
✓ Jose Consela (Pamela) -
✓ Carlos Barba -
✓ Alejandro Aguirre -
✓ Raul Alarcon -

2960 Coral Way

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Diario de las Americas 633-3341
Owner, WCMQ Radio 444-9292

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 9, 1994

TO: Joe Velasquez
White House Office of Political Affairs

FROM: Paul Cejas on behalf of the Immigration Ad-Hoc Committee

Committee Members:

X Mr. Paul Cejas - Chairman, Governor's Commission on a Free Cuba *tel: 305-470-1951 FAX: 305-470-2934*

X Ms. Maria R. Dominguez - Executive Director, St. Thomas University Human Rights Institute *FAX: 305-628-6742*

X Ms. Josefina J. Carbonell - President, Little Havana Activities & Nutrition Centers of Dade County, Inc. *tel: 305-858-0027 FAX: 305-854-2226*

X Mr. Jose "Pepé" Hernandez - President, Cuban American National Foundation *tel: 305-477-1873 FAX: 305-592-7889*

X Mr. Cesar Odio - City Manager, City of Miami *FAX: 305-285-1835*

X Mr. Andres Rivero - Assistant to Metro Dade County Manager, Metro Dade County Government *FAX: 305-375-5569*

X Mr. Roberto Rodriguez-Aragon - President, Junta Patriotica *305-448-9898 FAX: 305-567-9548*

X Ms. Virginia Sanchez - Intergovernmental Affairs, Metro Dade County Government *tel: 305-375-1032 FAX: 305-375-4658*

X Mr. Miguel Angel Tudela - President, Cuban Municipalities in Exile *305-447-8864 FAX: 305-442-4206*

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U.S. Cuban Migration Talking Points

- By direction of the President, the INS talks were limited to migration issues only.
- The United States and Cuba have reached agreement on migration issues. This will be announced shortly in New York.
- Cuba has agreed to prevent the irregular departure of its citizens to the United States. Their efforts will be humane.
- They have also agreed to accept those Cubans (who left Cuba since mid-August) and who have asked to return. The Cuban Government has indicated that those who return will not be retaliated against.
- The United States has agreed to accept 20, 000 Cubans per year from Cuba under various provisions of U.S. law.
- Additionally, this year the United States will admit Cubans who currently are on the "visa waiting list" (we estimate this number to be about 6,000).

These two figures added together come within our visa ceiling for Cuba.

- Those Cubans who are in detention camps and do not ask to return to Cuba will not be processed to enter the U.S. and will remain in safehavens.
- The United State will determine eligibility according to applicable U.S. law. The standard review process includes medical screening.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Fax . . .

September 9, 1994

To: Interested Parties

From: Joe Velasquez, Deputy Assistant to the President

Subject: US - Cuba Migration Talks

Attached are talking points on the migration talks that have just been completed. Please call me at 202-456-6257 if you would like to discuss this further. Thank you for your continued support.