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OBJECTIVES FOR NEAR TERM CUBA POLICY

(Created early June; last update 8/25/95)

I. GTMO

A. Language

- United Way shepherding process to prepare ESL proposal with ACOM, World Relief, and Dade County School system. Completion expected 8/28.
- Chair of JCS prepared to fund part of cost; State PRM committed to \$100K; David Lawrence (United Way chair and Miami Herald publisher) prepared to match USG from Knight Foundation.

B. Technical training

- United Way and World Relief conducting language, acculturation, and job bank programs in camps now.

C. Acculturation

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II. Florida

A. Money

- \$18 million obtained.
- Florida still pressing on prisoner exchange.

B. Humanitarian effort to help GTMO immigrants

- United Way has supplanted Ad Hoc committee in the camps and in Miami: non-partisan, community-based, and capable of delivering real services.

C. Bob Graham and Florida Delegation

- Graham somewhat satisfied with Fl. money and quite satisfied with Administration management of Cuba policy.
- Little attention given to rest of Fl delegation. More needed.

III. Hill Constituency Building

A. Satisfy Graham

- In constant communication with Graham. Have delivered at least partially on GTMO training and FI money, his two top priorities
- Graham applauding specific media hits in Florida and nationally
- Willing to identify more publicly with Administration
- Prepared to support new policy initiatives
- Has embraced civil society as paradigm for policy
- Prepared to spearhead Helms/Burton alternative

B. Bob Menendez and NJ delegation

- Still no real progress on improving relations with Menendez
- Outreach strategy paper including discussion of NJ politics drafted and vetted with Alexis
- First meetings with NJ political shop to discuss NJ strategy
- Good meeting with Lautenberg, but unlikely to offer public support on more moderate Cuba policy

C. Brief key members on Nuccio Cuba trip

- Waited too long after April for it to be useful

D. Identify and cultivate broader Hill constituency

- Being done in connection with Helms/Burton strategy

IV. Helms/Burton

A. Name negotiation team

- Done; Anne Patterson did great job on last round, impressed Cubans, gave moral support to human rights activists and dissidents with on-island visits

B. Develop legislative strategy

- Helms/Burton memo moving forward to Berger for President

C. Determine White House bottom line

- POTUS memo will sketch out veto strategy

V. Public Constituency Building

A. Publicize Tarnoff testimony

- Done in May

B. Media hits post-Nuccio announcement

- Mostly positive play on national level; strong support from Miami Herald; continuing battle to counter scepticism and malevolence in Miami Spanish-language media.

C. Bring groups to White House for briefings

- Draft outreach memo proposes structure of kick-off meeting

D. POTUS statement on Cuba

- POTUS video released after much delay and bloodletting; mild positive impact overall for target constituency

VI. Support for the Cuban People

A. June 2 Civil Society conference

- Too much under control of old Cuba team; only mixed results

B. AID memo on civil society

- Done; some bad ideas, but many more ideas than we had before

C. AID mission to Cuba re Title II of Helms/Burton

- Pending

VII. Bilateral Migration Talks

A. Memo on agenda for next round of talks

- Done for last round
 - B. Name new head of delegation**
- Done

VIII. Monitoring Returnees

- A. Role of Catholic Church**
 - No progress in persuading GOC to accept
 - Church increasingly worried about too close identity with USG
 - B. Cuban American delegation to visit Cuba to assess in-country refugee processing and monitoring**
- Pending

IX. Interdiction

- A. Improve on-board processing along UNHCR guidelines and make process more transparent.**
- Done
 - B. Investigate possibility of returning through GTMO instead of cutters entering Cuban waters?**
- Rejected as impracticable

X. Radio/TV Martí

- A. Miami relocation issue**
- Subordinated to overall struggle on board and chair
 - B. Funding**
- TV Martí in jeopardy; Radio secure

XI. Blue Ribbon Commission

[No progress on any of below. Low priority.]

- A. Rationale**
- B. Objectives**
- C. Membership**

XII. New Issues

A. Flotilla

- Inter-agency process well-advanced to deal with expected September 2 flotilla and possible incident with Cuba. Separate memo being prepared for Sandy.

B. Radio Marti

- Meeting weekly with Cuban Broadcasting senior management to better coordinate with Administration policy and show White House concern for contribution to overall policy.