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Dear Mr. President:

A year ago, you came to Miami and announced a reversal of the prior Administration's appeasement policy towards the Castro regime. It was very much welcomed by Jorge Luis Garcia Perez "Antunez", who served 18 years in prison and still bravely fights the regime on a daily basis, as well as by exiles, such as Cary Roque, who served over two decades in prison. It was very much welcomed by strategists who understand the national security implications of having an enemy at your border, particularly one which, along with Iran represents the biggest intelligence threat to the US after China and Russia. It was welcomed by Cuban Americans who voted for you by 2-1 margins.

Your decision to create a specific list of entities controlled by the Regime was crucial to cutting off a good portion of their blood money. The Regime only liberalizes its economy when it has no source of income. The Obama administration's policies resulted in the Regime increasing its repression on freedoms and free enterprise.

Moreover, the historic visit to Miami, captured in a symbolic handshake with Antunez as you descended from Air Force One, lifted the hopes of a nation longing for freedom. It was also a very much needed vindication given that the prior US President offered the same handshake to the dying Regime.

The cornerstone of the achievements reached since your visit to Miami, is the appointment of Tomas Regalado, as Director of the Office of Cuba Broadcasting (OCB). Under his leadership, we are convinced, that this vital agency will finally fulfil the role which President Reagan envisioned for it. The technology and ingenuity to allow Radio and TV Marti to reach the Cuban people with quality content has existed for some time, but now we finally have the political will to use them.

Mayor Regalado's appointment highlights how naming qualified people is key to implementing good policy. That is why we welcome the appointments of Secretary Pompeo and National Security Advisor, John Bolton, both of whom were added since your visit. There are, however, numerous others posts still held by the same people who eagerly adopted the former administration's disastrous appeasement policy. We urge your Administration to review these appointments as well.

Mr. President, it is now time to finish the job of reversing the policies implemented by the Obama administration. To that end, we ask that your Administration consider taking the following ten (10) key initiatives:

- **Issue a Presidential Directive** asking all agencies to Comply with the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act. This requires that all US government agencies dealing with Cuba should revise their policy to ensure the promotion of these objectives:
 - **(1) condition the transition of policy only upon the scheduling of internationally supervised free elections, scheduled after basic freedoms are restored and political prisoners released,**
 - **(2) counter the regimes threats to US national security, including its use of immigration policies (requiring increased vetting process); its intelligence efforts in the US and Latin America; and its sponsorship of terrorism,**
 - **(3) resolve US property claims.**

- **No more visas (including Cultural Exchange Visas) for Regime Thugs/Human Rights Violators.** Empower the Cuban people to name regime oppressors and thugs to a list requiring increased vetting of the named individuals guilty of acts of torture, oppression or murder or who work for the Regime's military or security forces. End the Cultural Exchange by which the Regime's officially approved artists, who censor and repress their peers in Cuba, are allowed to put on politicized shows that make them money in the US. In exchange, rather than have free flow of American artists, we are instead allowed only to take American tourists aboard luxury cruise ships to witness carefully orchestrated Regime shows, while they eat at their all-you-can stuff buffet lines. It is not an exchange, much less a free or cultural one.

- **Improve Cuban Democracy Aid Programs** to ensure aid is only available to those projects which advocate for the obtainment of the objectives of the Libertad Act: the release of political prisoners and establishment of basic freedoms followed by internationally supervised free elections.

- **Reinstate the Regime to the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism.** The Regime continues to work with North Korea, Syria and Iran. Israel has credible reports of a Hezbollah base in Cuba. In Venezuela regime officials implement terror tactics against the civilian population and continues to support Colombian guerrillas and has been implicated in attempts on the life of democratically elected officials.

- **New Cuba-threat assessment/training for government personnel.** Conduct a new threat assessment and provide new training on such assessment to all personnel whose duties include policy making on Cuba, and who were previously trained using materials prepared by US Defense Intelligence analyst and convicted Regime spy, Ana Belen Montes.

- **Downgrade the diplomatic representation on the island from Embassy to Interest Section.** Embassy conveys a sense of legitimacy to the Regime, which it does not have as a consequence of not having the consent of the people living on the island. Given the low functionality of the embassy at the moment, there are little practical setbacks to doing so.

- **Discontinue "Law Enforcement" Cooperation,** based on (1) the Regime's providing sanctuary to American terrorists and criminals, (2) the Regime's cooperation with drug trafficking organizations, including those in Venezuela, (3) the Regime's provision of sanctuary to Cuban nationals who defraud the US government and return to Cuba.

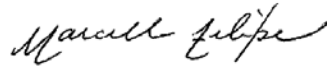
- **Allow federal prosecutors discretion to indict Raul Castro.** Federal prosecutors have sought authorization to indict Raul Castro for drug trafficking and murder of innocent American Citizens but prior administrations have refused to allow prosecutors to do their job.

- **Reduce the flow of money to the Regime by expanding the list of entities controlled by the Regime's military to include ACOREC and others, and by prohibiting US Companies from violating forced labor conventions.** Prevent US Companies from complying with the Regime's requirement that foreign investors pay Cuban employees only 8% of their salary, while 92% is paid to the Regime. Supplement the list of entities controlled by the military to include entities like ACOREC, the primary employment source of retired Regime military officials.

- **Enforce Title III and IV of the Libertad Act.** Obama's Executive Order opened the door for more foreign and U.S. companies to exploit property illegally confiscated from U.S. citizens without compensation. Deny US Visas to those who deal and traffic in property of US Citizens.

Mr. President, it is in the US interest to have reliable, friendly and democratic government in Cuba. The US cannot accept an enemy state, at its border, actively undermining US interests around the world, exporting their spies and criminals to US cities, protecting terrorists and cop killers, engaging in drug trafficking, attacking our allies in the region and suppressing basic human freedoms 90 miles from our shores. Taking the steps above will give us a Cuba Policy that puts America First.

Sincerely,



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