

Bosch backers want decision from INS soon

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Dade state Sen. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen says she and other supporters of anti-Castro militant Orlando Bosch will seek another meeting with national immigration officers if a promised ruling on Bosch's immigration case isn't made this month.

Alan Nelson, commissioner for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, told a group of Bosch supporters two months ago that he expected a recommendation would be made in mid-May by the INS regional commission office in Dallas.

"We are optimistic that the decision will be made this month," said Ros-Lehtinen, R-South Dade, who has organized petition drives, post card and telegram campaigns and other support for Bosch.

In Washington, INS spokesman Verne Jervis said a recommendation on the case was expected "fairly soon."

In May 1988, the INS made a temporary ruling that Bosch should be excluded from the country. He has remained in the federal Metropolitan Correctional Center in Southwest Dade since then.

Bosch came to Miami in February 1988 after spending 11 years in a Venezuelan jail for allegedly blowing up a Cuban jetliner in 1976. He was never convicted on those charges.