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Cubano
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Representacion
Cubana del
Exilio (Rece)

Sr. Guillermo Novo Sampol,
#80125-158
U.S. Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas 66048

Estimado compatriota:

Adjunto le estamos remitiendo copia de la comunicacion que hubimos de enviarle al Attorney General de los Estados Unidos interesando la revision de causa o rebaja de condena de nuestros compatriotas presos politicos encarcelados en este pais, asi como la respuesta que nos envio a traves de la oficina del Attorney Pardon.

En conversacion sostenida con Tony de la Cova, el me sugirio que seria conveniente que les enviara a -- cada uno de Uds. una copia de la comunicacion y de su -- respuesta.

En el proximo Congreso de Organizaciones que habra de celebrarse en Miami durante los dias 4,5 y 6 de Abril nosotros presentaremos una peticion para que los delegados que alli resulten electos, la suscriban y se le envíen al Attorney General, al Gobernador y Fiscal de la Florida, interesando la revision de causa y rebaja de condena. Esto sin lugar a dudas serviria de soporte o solidaridad del exilio con los compatriotas que lo han ofrendado todo en aras de la libertad de nuestra patria.

Sin otro particular, quedo de Ud.

Cordialmente,

Dr. Juan M. Rosales
Sec. de Relaciones Exteriores
de la FOCI



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PETITION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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The Honorable Benjamin R. Civiletti
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice,
Constitution Ave. and Tenth St. NW
Washington D.C. 20530

We, the undersigned, legitimate representatives of the Federation of Cuban Organizations of Illinois, hereby petition the United States Department of Justice and its Attorney General, the Honorable Benjamin R. Civiletti, for recourse to the following grievance:

That, since 1974, more than twenty five cuban exiles have been incarcerated in the United States, in federal and state prisions, for pursuing our traditional belligerence against the dictatorship oppressing our homeland.

The Cuban Freedom fighters arrested in this country are patriots who have forsaken everything for an idealism, instead of pursuing selfish or monetary greeds, but, their aspirations were not totally comprehended by the judges who severely sentenced them.

Some of these men have already completed their terms of incarceration but, those who remain imprisoned are:

Gustavo Castillo
00910-192
West Palm Beach City Jail
West Palm Beach, Fla. 33401

Humberto Lopez
#065928
Dade Correctional Institution
Homestead, Florida 33030

Blas J. Corbo
02766-284
Federal Correctional Institution,
Memphis, Tenn. 38143

Jose Elias Nassin
Dade Correctional Institution
Homestead, Florida 33030

Antonio R. de la Cova
99064-131
Federal Correctional Institution,
Oxford, Wisc. 53952

Guillermo Novo Sampol
80125-158
U.S. Penitentiary
Leavenworth, Kansas 66048

Valentin Hernandez
067540
Union Correctional Institution,
Raiford, Fla. 32083

Ignacio Novo Sampol
00128-016
U.S. Penitentiary
Terre Haute, Indiana 47808

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Gaspar Jimenez
00911-192
Federal Correctional Insti
tution, Miami, Fla. 33177

Alvin Ross-Diaz
#00781-016
U.S. Penitentiary
Marion, Illinois 62959

As spokesman for the overwhelming majority of Cuban exiles residing in Illinois, we request that:

These ten men be granted an adequate revision of their cases, making them eligible for a new trial,

or that they be given a proportionate and justifiable reduction of sentence, taking into consideration their political motivations and patriotic circumstances.

We base our contentions on Congressional Joint Resolution 230 (Public Law 87-733: 76 Stat. 697) ratified on October 3, 1962 which declares that the United States is determined "to prevent by whatever means may be necessary, including the use of arms, the marxist-leninist regime in Cuba from extending, by force or the threat of force, its aggressive and subversive activities to any part of this hemisphere, and to work with the Organizations of American States and with freedom-loving cubans to support the aspirations of the Cuban people for self-determination".

Now that the Cuban Communist authorities are releasing political prisoners, we believe the United States Department of Justice should also grant benevolent concessions to the exiled patriots incarcerated in this country, who acted according to the best interest of what traditionally has been a struggle to restore freedom and democracy in Cuba.

Signed, on this 20th day of November 1979.


Dr. Guillermo Alsina
President


Dr. Juan M. Rosales
Secretary of Foreign
Relations.


Luis F. Era P.E.
Secretary of Information



United States Department of Justice

OFFICE OF THE PARDON ATTORNEY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

February 27, 1980

Dr. Guillermo Alsina
President
Federacion De Organizaciones
Cubanas De Illinois
2912 West Wilson Avenue
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Dear Dr. Alsina:

The Attorney General has asked me to write to you concerning the petition of November 20, 1979 which the Federation has submitted to him through Ambassador Torres seeking clemency for ten Cubans in exile who are imprisoned in Federal and state prisons in the United States.

A request for Executive clemency in the form of commutation (reduction) of sentence for an individual who has been convicted of a Federal offense is considered only upon formal application by the person who has been convicted. Messrs. Corbo, de la Cova, Guillermo Sampol, Ignacio Sampol, Jimenez and Ross-Diaz, apparently have been convicted of Federal offenses but have not submitted clemency applications. If these individuals should apply for clemency, their applications will receive careful consideration. Application forms are available to them at each Federal institution.

It appears that Messrs. Castillo, Hernandez, Lopez and Nassine have been convicted of violating Florida state laws. Since the President's authority to grant clemency extends only to Federal offenses, any relief for them would have to be granted by the appropriate state authorities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John R. Stanish".

John R. Stanish
Pardon Attorney