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The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
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Dear Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen:

In March 1986, when you and your husband were Florida State Representatives, you both presented a resolution before the State Legislature asking the United States Congress to abrogate "the Kennedy-Khrushchev pact that since 1962 has served to guarantee the survival of the Castro regime." I am enclosing an article from the *Diario las Américas*, 4 March 1986, where this quotation appears. Apparently, the federal Government did not resolve the matter, as the Kennedy-Khrushchev Executive Agreement remains classified and is still in effect today.

The only description of this agreement ever provided by the Government was given on 5 September 1979, by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, published by the Department of State Bureau of Public Affairs, in Current Policy No. 85, a copy of which I am enclosing, which states:

"The 1962 agreement is not just a simple piece of paper. It consists of an exchange of letters between President Kennedy and Chairman Khrushchev; it consists of discussions between Russian officials, including Minister [Vasily V.] Kuznetsov, Minister [Anastas] Mikoyan, and individuals in the United States and representatives of the U.S. Government. It includes discussions between officials of the United States and Ambassador [Anatoly] Dobrynin. So that it is a series of both exchanges of letters and discussions that make up the total agreement."

After the demise of the Soviet Union, the State Department released in January 1992 all of the twenty-five classified letters exchanged between Kennedy and Khrushchev. The Vance statement indicates that these letters only make up part of the agreement. The State Department still maintains classified all the other documents related to the agreement, including the secret testimony of Secretary George Shultz before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in October 1983, on this issue.

Is it possible that you, as a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, can influence to amend Senate Bill 381, "Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (Libertad) Act of 1995," to include the abrogation and/or full public disclosure of the Kennedy-Khrushchev Agreement? I am sure that you are aware of the enormous historic significance it would have, especially for the Cuban people.

I previously wrote to you last May to indicate that economist Jude Wanniski, describing himself as a "principal advisor" to Senator Robert Dole, had gone to Havana to assist the Castro regime. Your

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prompt action in that matter, co-sponsored by Representative Lincoln Diaz-Balart, resulted in a public letter of admonition from Dole to Wanniski.

Sincerely,

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Muy estimado amigo:

Gracias por su carta de marzo 20 preguntando sobre la posibilidad de presentar una enmienda a la Ley de la Libertad Cubana y Solidaridad Democrática de 1995 que solicite la aprobación o la pública divulgación del Acuerdo Kennedy-Kruschev.

Como apuntaba el Secretario de Estado Cyrus Vance en la Declaración que usted menciona en el tercer párrafo de su carta, el acuerdo incluye no sólo las cartas cruzadas entre el Presidente Kennedy y el Premier Krushev sino, también, discusiones sostenidas entre funcionarios norteamericanos y el embajador soviético en aquel momento. El tema que usted plantea es de gran interés y puede estar seguro de que merecerá toda mi atención.

Muy cordialmente,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ileana Ros-Lehtinen'.

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
Miembro del Congreso