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The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 9 a.m., in room 2228, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Senator Edward M. Kennedy (chairman of the committee) presiding.

Present: Senators Kennedy, Metzenbaum, Thurmond, Laxalt, Dole, and Hatch.

Also present: Jerry Tinker, counsel to the Committee for Immigration and Refugee Affairs.

OPENING STATEMENT OF SENATOR KENNEDY

Senator Kennedy. The committee will come to order.

The committee meets this morning to assess the worsening human crisis among Cuban, Haitian, and other Caribbean refugees coming to our shores.

We are concerned today about the chaos surrounding thousands of boat refugees. We are concerned about the steps our Government has taken and should take to deal with this crisis.

This desperate flight of humanity on the high seas endangers the lives of thousands of men, women, and children each day.

It also threatens to disrupt the economy of Florida and other States and is undermining the integrity of our Nation’s immigration laws.

All Americans want to open their arms and hearts to the homeless, and to see that families are reunited. However, we cannot welcome refugees if there is no order to their movement, no screening to help them, and no funds to support them.

Day after day, for the past 4 weeks, we have seen this humanitarian and political crisis grow increasingly out of control, with no decisive action or leadership capable of meeting the challenge.

QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

We want to know this morning what steps the administration is taking diplomatically to internationalize this problem.

We want to know when and if the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees has been invited to use his good offices to coordinate the departure of refugees from Cuba and their resettlement in countries other than the United States.

We want to know whether the High Commissioner has been invited to help in the relocation centers in Florida and elsewhere, as he was
during the Indo-Chinese refugee evacuation in 1975—so that he can provide the overall policy guidance and international support for our efforts.

The United States now faces the problems similar to those of many other countries of the first asylum, such as Austria, Malaysia, and Thailand. The international presence and participation of the U.N. High Commissioner can help to ease our problems as well.

We also want to know what progress was achieved at last week’s conference in Costa Rica.

We want to know whether the administration has urged other countries to receive their fair share of refugees.

We want to know whether the administration is prepared to negotiate seriously with Cuba for humane and orderly refugee procedures, similar to those concluded in the 1960’s.

We want to know what the administration intends to do with the thousands of Haitian boat people also reaching our shores—and why it has closed its eyes to their suffering over the past weeks and months.

We must deal humanely with those who are here and fairly with those who arrive in the future, using the terms of the Refugee Act of 1980.

Refugee problems have always been of deep concern to the American people. The United States has a long and distinguished humanitarian record in this area.

Indeed, as a nation of refugees, we take pride in America as a haven for those seeking freedom from oppression in other lands and a better chance in life.

Today, the American people must ask what more is expected of them. We must know what the number of new refugees will be, and what our Government is doing to cope.

We can and must help refugees.

But we can and must expect our Government to plan, to organize, and to involve other countries in these critical humanitarian issues.

America’s door to refugees will remain open only so long as we prove to the American people that by admitting refugees we are not displacing Americans from jobs or opportunities—and that our Government is administering refugee programs efficiently and fairly.

FIRST WITNESS

Our first witness is Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, of the Archdiocese of Miami. He is accompanied by Msgr. Bryan Walsh, the director of Catholic charities in the Miami Archdiocese, and Donald Hohl of the U.S. Catholic Conference.

They have just toured Key West and the refugee processing centers in Miami. We have asked each of them to give us, at the outset, the benefit of their firsthand report and their long experience in dealing with both Cuban and Haitian refugees.

But, before we ask them to proceed, I will see if any of our colleagues have opening comments.

I will recognize the Senator from South Carolina.

OPENING STATEMENT OF SENATOR THURMOND

Senator Thurmond. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, what we are seeing now, I think, is a picture that will never be forgotten. It is a picture of people seeking freedom, a
people seeking to get away from oppression, a people who have been persecuted. No one can attach blame to them for their desire to remove themselves from such a situation.

On the other hand, America cannot take everybody who wishes to come here. America is known as the land of freedom. It is a haven for the oppressed.

At the same time, it seems to me plans must be worked out to get the cooperation of other countries. There are other countries in Central America and South America that could cooperate in this matter and that should cooperate.

I believe with the right contacts they will cooperate.

So, I am of the opinion that steps must be taken, they must be taken at once, to prevent an unusually large flow of people come here who we are not prepared to take care of all at once and get other countries to take these people as a permanent haven, rather than for all of them to come to America.

Senator Kennedy. Senator Metzenbaum?

OPENING STATEMENT OF SENATOR METZENBAUM

Senator Metzenbaum. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased you have seen fit to have these hearings this morning.

I think there is nothing confusing the American people more than what our policy is with reference to the refugees from Cuba, as well as the refugees from Haiti.

I find, as I travel back in my own State, people asking me: What is our policy? How do you explain the fact that we have an open-door policy, and then we arrest boat owners for their activities in bringing Cubans into the United States?

I find others saying to me: How do you determine that it is political repression from which Cubans are escaping in Cuba and it is economic considerations only causing Haitians to come here? Who has been so omniscient to be able to explain that?

I find other Americans who are saying to me in my own home State: Can our economy accept unlimited numbers of Cubans when there is tremendous unemployment in our own Nation?

I, myself, recognize that there are very few of us who sit in America, whose forebears did not come also as immigrants, in some instances, as refugees, in years gone by.

I do not see how we can slam our doors shut, but I don't know how we can make distinctions between certain groups of refugees and immigrants and others.

I hope in some way we may get some clarification as to what our Nation’s policy is and how we do intend to cope with this very serious and very emotionally disturbing problem.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator Kennedy. Senator Laxalt?

OPENING STATEMENT OF SENATOR LAXALT

Senator Laxalt. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

At the outset, I want to commend the chairman of this committee, Senator Kennedy, for holding this important and timely hearing.
The sudden influx of refugees caught the present administration by surprise. This resulted in a mixed and sometimes confusing response to the crisis. I hope this hearing will help clear the record.

The United States has a strong tradition of providing asylum for political refugees. This humanitarian tradition must become the policy of the Carter administration. This policy of asylum must be communicated by actions which will assure the speedy, peaceful, and orderly flow of Cuban refugees seeking political and economic freedom in the United States.

In the last 3 weeks, 38,000 Cuban refugees have arrived safely in this country. It is estimated that an additional 100,000 are waiting in the Cuban port of Mariel to embark to Florida. My position on the Cuban refugees is clear. They are unfortunate victims of a tyrannical, Communist regime. These people have taken advantage of a temporary opening to vote with their feet against the Communist dictatorship of Fidel Castro.

Castro has not only destroyed political freedom in postrevolutionary Cuba, he has ruined its economy as well. Before Castro, Cuba had a strong and vigorous economy. Today, despite massive Russian economic aid, Cuba has the lowest standard of living in Central America.

Whether the current refugees come for political or economic reasons, Cuba's loss will be our country's gain. Recent history shows that Cuban immigrants are a vigorous and adaptable people. This immigration, which began in 1956, has resulted in an influx of productive energy that has been a boon to the Florida economy. A labor pool was created on which a person would take any job, work for almost nothing just to get ahead. The arrival of the Cuban immigrants has meant more jobs, not fewer.

These latest refugees from Cuba are not coming to the United States by accident. They are coming because the hopes of those that preceded them were largely realized. The streets of Little Havana in Miami are not paved with gold, but hard work, thrift and enterprise which brought rewards that were not imaginable in Cuba.

The response of the Cuban American community to this exodus from Cuba was immediate and spontaneous. Within days they privately raised and collected millions of dollars in food and clothing for the newcomers. Fully one-third have already found homes with friends or relatives. Hundreds of volunteers have been mobilized to provide legal and medical services as well as to help the refugees through the bureaucratic maze of immigration. The enthusiasm, industry, and self-sufficiency demonstrated by the Cuban American community bodes well not just for the arrivals, but also for our country.

Senator Kennedy. Senator Dole?

OPENING STATEMENT OF SENATOR DOLE

Senator Dole. Thank you Mr. Chairman, I am very pleased to be able to participate in today's hearing.

I think the concerns I will express in my statement have already been stated. There are a number of them. I will ask that my statement be made a part of the record.
First, there is the question of who is being admitted. I can say that I think the people in the State of Kansas understand the distress of many of those who have come to America in the past few weeks. But they also have many questions about what will happen now that these refugees are here. Will they become burdens? Will they take someone else's job? These are all the normal questions.

I am not certain what we may achieve by today's hearing. I think it is good we take a look at the situation. Maybe we can help the administration devise a policy. There is no policy now that has been totally effective.

At the same time, the flow of refugees has not followed a very easy pattern to work with.

I just suggest, Mr. Chairman, that if we could be of assistance in working out some orderly refugee policy, this hearing will do some good.

We all seem to be familiar through repeated press accounts with the serious problems being caused by the dramatic flight of Cubans to our shores. Yet the critical importance of this hearing is that, in spite of all the debate one hears about whether the United States should or should not admit large numbers of refugees, we really do not have much hard information concerning the real impact this influx of refugees is having.

Many people have observed that the entrance of such a large number of Cubans into the Florida area will have significant disruptive effects on the social and economic structure of that region. People say that the economic situation in our country is so bad that these new people will either take jobs from American citizens or will end up as burdens on the State. Others are worried about the type of people who have been coming here. They say that Fidel Castro is merely using this pitiful exodus to empty his jails and dump the so-called undesirables of Cuba on the United States.

In spite of all our woes in the world today, our country continues to attract more immigrants than any other nation on Earth. The motivation which stirred immigrants in past decades stirs the refugees of today: People come here not only for better lives for themselves, but for the real hope of a better future for their children.

And I believe Americans are proud of their land. We understand the simple human striving starkly demonstrated in the current flight of refugees from Cuba. That is why the real social and economic concerns we hear discussed concerning the situation in Florida will not by themselves shape our response to these Cuban refugees, though they certainly must be responsibly addressed.

Getting the information needed to take the responsible steps is what this hearing is about. We must determine not only what our Nation can do to help, but we must evaluate what other countries can and should be doing. What is our true capacity to accept refugees? Must Florida bear the brunt of this refugee wave? How can private organizations help? What skills do these refugees possess? These and many other questions must be considered.

I look forward to hearing the testimony of today's witnesses. Senator KENNEDY. Thank you very much.

We want to welcome Senator Chiles to the committee. He is not a member of the committee, but the Senator from the State of Florida
is obviously most deeply affected by the current influx of Cuban refugees. We welcome you to the committee.

Senator CHILES. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator KENNEDY. We hope that you will involve yourself in the committee's questions on this subject.

Senator CHILES. Thank you very much, Senator Kennedy.

**ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

Senator KENNEDY. Archbishop McCarthy, we look forward to your testimony.

I know you submitted your statement in advance. I suppose what I and the committee would be very much interested in is your observation as one who has followed, and been very closely involved with, the refugee problem in Florida.

I think we are interested in trying to determine whether you feel the current crisis could have been avoided. Also looking at it from a humane point of view, from the fact we are involved with individuals. That is what my first concern would be and, I think also, for most Americans.

Could this really human crisis have been avoided?

To what extent, from your own knowledge and understanding, were there warning signals on the horizon that perhaps should have been heeded?

But once it did arise, from your own knowledge and understanding of the issue, do you think we could have taken steps to make it a more orderly process, stressing the reunification of families and also reducing the human anguish that is now involved in this tragedy?

Third, I think we would be interested in your recommendations as to how we can best deal with the situation now.

Fourth, I would be interested in what you think are the dimensions of this crisis. Is it going to continue? What are the prospective numbers from your own assessment? I know it is extremely difficult, but I think the American people want to know what the dimensions of this crisis may be and how we are going to handle it.

Finally, I would hope you would address not only the Cuban issue but as I mentioned, the Haitian problem as well—about how we are going to come to grips with that particular issue.

Obviously, Americans are enormously concerned today and I think there are mixed emotions—as has been stated by all the committee members here—of opening their arms and recognizing that we are a nation of refugees and immigrants. On the other hand, we recognize we can't receive all the refugees in this world. Yet we place a heavy stress on family reunification.

The family is extremely important in our society. We recognize that that should always be the first priority.

So, we look forward to your testimony. I know you have a prepared statement. But, as you summarize or go through it, if you could make some comments on these additional items, we would appreciate it.
Archbishop McCarthy. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I believe my prepared statement does address itself to these questions you have raised. If there is any further clarification needed, we would be glad to do that.

My name is Edward A. McCarthy. I am the Catholic Archbishop of Miami, Fla., and with me today is Msgr. Bryan Walsh, our director of Catholic Charities; and also Mr. Don Hohl, who is the associate director of Catholic migration and refugee services, in charge of our services at this time in Florida.

A few days ago, we spent several hours at Key West, Fla., visiting the reception centers established by the U.S. Government, the State of Florida, and Monroe County officials for the refugees arriving by small boats from Cuba.

What we saw was a phenomenon unprecedented in our experience in this century and which can only be compared to Castle Garden and Ellis Island in New York of the last century. What is happening today in Key West is an expression in our time of the words on the Statue of Liberty: “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.” No true American could not but be moved even to tears by the sight of these men and women, young and old, being helped off the boats to begin the long process of public health, immigration, and security checks.

**Steps to Freedom**

We heard stories of 20 years of waiting, of separated families, of days without food, without sanitary facilities.

Stunned by their experiences, most of those arriving were too exhausted to display emotion. Yet, as they experienced the helping hands and smiles of customs officials, National Guardsmen, U.S. Marines, and Cuban-American volunteers, one could see their eyes light up—incredulous that they had actually stepped on free soil.

In the church, St. Jude is honored as the patron of the impossible, of the hopeless. One old Cuban woman who just arrived came to me and asked where she might find a shrine of St. Jude, so she might express her thanks for being delivered.

In a huge seaplane hangar, I had the privilege of celebrating mass for thousands of refugees as they waited patiently to be processed and transferred to the new shelters that were being opened up in south Florida and elsewhere on about an hourly basis.

There were many wet eyes as these people had their first experience of religious freedom in many years.

We stood at the pier of the old naval base and saw a boat arriving with 24 people. You and I would hesitate to even take a Sunday afternoon ride, in a sheltered bay, in that type of a boat.
We saw shrimp boats so grossly overloaded there was no room for the people to move. How they survived the 10- to 15-hour voyage from Mariel is beyond my imagination.

We saw one boat which threatened to capsize as the 200 or more people on it moved to one side as it approached the pier, and their eyes fell on free land for the first time.

MIRACLE SO FEW HAVE PERISHED

The miracle of this exodus is that so few people have drowned. By every human standard, a major catastrophe is not only possible, but to be expected. We can only say that God has been truly provident in watching over this ragtag fleet, manned for the most part by in-experienced crews. Horror stories of exploitation on both sides of the Straits of Florida and disappointed hopes abound.

We must pay tribute to the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard, the Armed Forces, and the countless Cuban-American volunteers who have come from many parts of the country at their own expense to offer their services.

The reception process is slow, but orderly. Conditions are primitive, but safe. The daily life of our communities is going on, except for those persons immediately affected.

Yet, we must recognize that many people are afraid and these fears are being nourished by some irresponsible radio talk shows which, in their greed to increase their ratings, exaggerate the impact or potential impact and create situations in which rumors can quickly become fact. Let me assure you that Miami and Key West are safe and there is no need for anyone to fear visiting us.

We welcome this opportunity to express our views to the Senate Judiciary Committee on how this emergency should be handled on both the short- and long-term basis.

For 25 years in south Florida our social service agencies have worked with refugees, from Italian war orphans and displaced persons from Europe to Hungarian freedom flights, Cubans of the sixties and seventies, and the Indochinese, Nicaraguans, and Haitians. We can honestly claim a certain expertise in this area. Our warnings fell on deaf ears.

GENESIS OF CRISIS

When the freedom flights slowed down and financing expired in 1973, no reasonable process for uniting Cuban families was substituted even though the need was evident. In the euphoria created by improved contacts between the two Governments, the need for some process, while recognized, was largely ignored.

Even when 3,600 political prisoners were released by the Cuban Government, the response of our Government was painfully slow; 18 months later, some 1,000 of such prisoners and their dependents are still waiting in Cuba.

In addition, 18 months ago, the United States agreed to take those political prisoners released before August 1978 and their dependents, estimated to be 20,000 persons in all. They still wait in Cuba as pariahs on the margin of that society.

In addition, we personally know of thousands who have been trying to leave Cuba since 1960, but who never fell into the right category at
the right time. The enormous frustration thus created on both sides of the Straits of Florida among separated families was bound to seek an outlet once the opportunity occurred.

It happened before in 1965, and today history has repeated itself. In December 1978, we had the opportunity to talk to Secretary of State Vance and Assistant Attorney General Egan about these matters and we predicted, unfortunately too accurately, what occurred at the American Interest Section last Friday. Our only surprise was that it took so long to occur.

DANGER WARNINGS TO ADMINISTRATION IN 1978

Senator Kennedy. What was the reaction to those conversations in 1978?

Archbishop McCarthy. We attempted to point out the crisis which was developing. There was some expediting of the admission of political prisoners, but really things didn't move as fast as we felt they should have.

We have the impression that there was a great fear that among those political prisoners there would be some who were a threat to our national security. It seemed to us, at least, that extraordinary precautions were being taken, which were too strong. If Castro wants to put people in our country, he can buy a $15 rubber raft and float them in.

We felt it was almost sort of paranoia. Naturally we are as committed to the national defense of our country as anybody else. We thought it was too bureaucratic.

HAITIAN REFUGEES IGNORED

For 7 years, the church in south Florida has been pleading, along with many others, the cause of our Haitian boat people.

Repeatedly, we have pointed out the discriminating practices of the U.S. Government and the consequent impact on our community.

We welcome the decision of recent days regarding equal treatment for both Haitians and Cubans, though at the moment the treatment is equally inadequate and falls far short of the treatment accorded to previous influxes of Cubans.

However, as a long-suffering community, we are thankful for small mercies.

As it has been implemented, the new Refugee Act of 1980 is proving to be a mixed bag. We welcome the removal of the gross inequalities of the previous legislation based on geopolitical considerations.

We welcome the long overdue adoption of the United Nations definition of refugee. However, we must emphasize that the law falls far short of implementing the United Nations Convention and Protocol on Refugees where the United States is the country of first asylum for undocumented persons arriving here as refugees.

We called this to the attention of people involved in preparing this legislation on a number of occasions, and we made offers to testify—which were never accepted.

Again, this situation was foreseen but ignored.

Today, let me urge you to give this matter your most serious consideration, and we urge the administration to involve this committee and the House Judiciary Committee in developing as rapidly as
possible legislative solutions which will wipe the slate clean and provide for a reasonable response toward future arrivals. We offer our help and experience in these matters.

We recognize the problems involved are both political and social. The political we leave in your hands as being outside our competence.

SOCIALLY FEARS OF REFUGEES INFUX EXAGGERATED

The social we cannot ignore if we are to be faithful to our Judaic-Christian religious heritage, to the ideals of this Nation and our history as the church of the immigrants.

We recognize the fears people have, even if we judge them to be exaggerated, we see the dangers of polarization, and we are not so naive to think that the United States can in truth welcome even the 9 million refugees reported by the United Nations.

We recognize that there have to be reasonable limits. It would be beyond the bounds of this presentation to make detailed recommendations.

NUMERICAL DIMENSIONS ARE SMALL

However, we respectfully suggest that within the refugee and/or immigration total which last year reached some 600,000, the boat people of Cuba and Haiti who arrived on our shores as their country of first asylum, must be given a special consideration.

Even at the present time, we are talking about what is a relatively small number. We think that these suggestions offer some long-term solutions to our dilemmas.

In the meantime, both our Haitian and Cuban refugees and our south Florida need short-term relief. We are not lawyers, but we are told that there is a legal opinion that the President and the Attorney General have the legal authority up to May 15 to grant political asylum on a group or class basis to both Haitians and Cubans.

If this is so, then we urge this committee to advise the President to exercise this authority, leaving all political considerations aside. It offers the best possible solution for those who arrive before May 16 and for our communities.

We want to emphasize that this is a national responsibility. South Florida has behaved magnificently in this crisis, which is not of our making.

INADEQUATE ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE

However, the Federal Government’s response has been slow, confused, and inadequate. It is improving daily. Anything you can do to help us must be done.

Florida, Dade, and Monroe Counties cannot turn these people away. We know that the United States cannot send them back.

The United States criticized similar actions on the part of some Southeast Asian nations only a couple of years ago. We can understand a certain delay in the Government’s response, but now its commitment to relieve the impact on south Florida must be accomplished. This can go a long way toward relieving community tensions and reducing polarization.

The most serious problem we face is a lack of housing. This was not true in the 1960’s. It is also the principal area in which the Federal
Government has not responded over the past 20 years of the Cuban influx. We have not received one extra unit of public housing. The Federal Government owes us relief in that area.

**NEED FOR ACTION**

We assure you that we will cooperate and assist in every way possible bringing reconciliation to our community. However, meaningful reconciliation must be based on deeds not words.

Along with other resettlement agencies, our national agency, the U.S. Catholic Conference Migration and Refugee Service is continuing its work of almost 40 years by resettling this latest influx of refugees. In addition to the some 9,000 Indochinese our agency is resettling monthly, it has already come up with sponsorships, jobs, and housing for 30,000 new Cubans and Haitians.

In conclusion, let me congratulate this committee on its initiative for holding these hearings. We urge action, and we assure you of our cooperation and assistance.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator KENNEDY. Let me thank you, for a very comprehensive presentation and also for your personal insights on your visit to the refugee areas.

I think that your commendation for those who have been involved in the refugee process will be extremely well received, as well as justified.

**RESPONSE OF U.S. GOVERNMENT**

Now, you mention in your testimony the response of the U.S. Government as being—I think your words were—"painfully slow." Would you elaborate a little bit on why you reached that conclusion or how your reached that assessment?

Archbishop McCARTHY. Yes. Maybe I should ask my colleagues who are with me, and who are much closer to that problem than I am.

Senator KENNEDY. Fine.

Archbishop McCARTHY. As you know, there was a great deal of confusion at first, exactly what should be the attitude toward the people arriving, which naturally slowed down any kind of human response.

Even now, although certain units of the Government are there, thank God, the processing, the screening, and the relocation, understandably, because of the great influx, is slow.

We also think we suffer a great deal because there simply hasn’t been granted to the refugees the status of refugee. If that happened, it would expedite greatly many of the services that these people need and are necessary in order to extend the human response to them that we would be proud of.

**APPLICABILITY OF REFUGEE ACT OF 1980**

Senator KENNEDY. Well, just on this point—and I would then like to hear from Monsignor Walsh or Mr. Hohl—is it your understanding that the new Refugee Act could apply to the Cubans and that they could be categorized as refugees?

Mr. Hohl. I don’t feel that it was the intent of the act to treat this group of refugees in the manner in which they have now been accepted.
through the Senate, and it took 12 days for the Federal Government to say—why—it was in charge of the process.

I think we are a part of the answer to the question that we have been asked, which is, how can we prevent the process, as we did, between Cuba and the United States, from a renewal of the Cuban Exclusion Act of the Senate? There is no question but that they were not permitted to leave.

One of the many questions is, how they were allowed to leave to the United States, and why was it allowed?

Mr. BURTON: That was the question. Mr. Hull, I have been involved with Cuban affairs for many years, and have by committees a number of times, but in 1930 we were able to regularize the process. We were not between Cuba and the United States through negotiations with the Cuban Government for the orderly departure of the people leaving the country from 1935 to 1975.
orderly evacuation from the country. It is extremely difficult for me to cope with the unexpected movement.

We certainly would welcome the orderly departure from Cuba of the Latin peoples. It would also enable us to see more peace and order, so that counter-revolution would take place expeditiously.

Senator Keever. Archbishop, I would first of all want to ask you some questions. What is your opinion? You were exactly to oppose the problem back in 1942. You warned the administration about the real possibility of these things.

What is the situation now? What is your opinion of your own the situation about the dimensions? How is the situation? Will it change to something like Archbishop McCloy's, Senator Kennedy, I will defer to Archbishop Walsh.

Senator Keever. Yes.

Archbishop Walsh. I don't think it is possible to come to any conclusion on the long life of figures of 200,000 people suddenly gives up.

We are aware that the administration many times that the Cuban Government was willing to allow to leave because they knew they will never be converted to the revolution.

But what is happening as long as the evacuation goes on, a number of families to be reunited totally increases.

Among these coming in at the present time are over 200,000 persons. Many of these, you have just traveling alone. They are married, children, and a great number of them. They are married. They told me they had been in Panama and families in Cuba. The others, they did not want to risk exposing the wife and family to the situation, the exposing the wives and families to the situations, the dangers—such as the little girl who had been here alone broken, sick in a week ago, and by people beating them up as they were on the road. That sort of a thing.

Many learned to express themselves. So the men were, for over the families sent unaccompanied instead have to have the same way, so they could reunite the rest of the relatives later.

So, as long as it is unaccompanied, there is no question the number of families to be reunited is the stage by its own wishes, I don't think that should be kept in mind.

But right now, as President of the Cuban Government, we know, how many they are going to be, and as long as the boats keep going down there, we see the pressure, and make it a complete humanitarian effort.

It has been the position we would like to see developed. Senator Keever, Senator McMahon.
Mr. Manufactur. Thank you, Mr. Manufactur.
Do you have any specific information as to the development of the
recent military exercises that was held near the weekend?
Senator Watson. No, Senator. All I have is what I grew up as the
story. There was a rumor last night, you know, that nothing had
occurred. But, I don't know what the story is.
Senator Manufactur. Your judgment now is that this has the potential
to be a political escalation of human lives for political purposes?
Senator Watson. I believe that these are natural movements
behind the Cuban Government's action in 1962. These people
leave.
I also think that the weeks in the last couple of years of political
pressure and the last year from the town in all of political issues
which the humanitarian aspects have been emphasized.

Mr. Manufactur. The key why you used a phrase as for an ordered
process, what is the (X, infinity, infinity, infinity) to what was
humanitarian aspect which was the, the human rights, separation
and background and knowledge about how these kinds of actions
can be handled with and a human and humane way.
I have heard, and it has been only in the last five hours that
the (X, infinity, infinity, infinity) has been shaped by the administration,
officially, to send representatives of Ploestis, even though there have
been many of us who have argued that they prefer the Cuban
representatives in this many weeks ago.
I think this didn't surprise anyone.

Mr. Manufactur. Has any witnesses, did already happen in any the subject of deportation procedures and violence of the history?
Senator Watson. Senator, many years now since the last one came in.
They were already deported. Many were deported, and we found
were deported at the time that had been that the atmosphere altered
that process. So there have been calls on the country from being deported
has lost them entirely dependent upon private charity in the community.
I think that process to be somewhat inhibited when we have to
keep those people that are. They seem to be evading a non-violent
living without exploitation.
Senator Smith. Senator. Has this been more political? It seems a
minimally unique — with the steps that were taken back in the
that there is a different treatment given to the old men — compared
to the Cuban, or each has a different type of constituency in America.
Senator Watson. Well, under the old legislation assumption is
that we really could address a group of related from a
communist-dominated country that it was more common that was
at the other end of the political spectrum.
That is all of the things that were done up to there apparently was a very definite policy coming in the present administration as to the previous administration was passed over from the previous administration that the United of Proof was the United to prove that the McCarten was a political case whereas no similar proof was demanded from the Lebadin.

The result is that of the 15,000 cases we are told that are on docket in Miami, about 50 have been charged political asylum over the years and the others were all released summarily or with some form of minimum formalities.

This of course is the Federal court, and there will be a total regarding 10,000 or more of them. We expect to hear the next case.

\textit{Speech of Mr. Nelson}:

Said Mr. Nelson: Mr. Dulh, from your own experience of the cases you are not, is there any reason now that the administration cannot parole in the United States today?

Mr. Halm. They could—

Said Mr. Nelson: For the rest I say only.

Mr. Halm. They could, the Secretary General certainly can if the authority under the present law, and can cannot, however, admit people as a group will remain in May 15.

Said Mr. Nelson: Well that expires in a day after they leave the authority now.

I think we are going to be a danger since the Congress are certainly going to remain here and be admitted here, and while the authorities can't bar the authority for the committee to lay or the United they are on prepared to use it.

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Said Mr. Nelson: Mr. Chairman, if any at all of the Republicans have not changed the fact we have seen that the Halls and others have been apply individually for political asylum.

Under the terms of the agreement at the United negotiations of this time, we are going to be a danger, since we are unable to have two of thousand of people who must voluntary under an application for political asylum.

I do just announce that we would that the Halls upon themselves, the United Government and the reason a book the privacy and public order must have a more substantial maintaining.

Said Mr. Nelson: Mr. Chairman,

Said Mr. Nelson: Mr. Chairman, as you are aware that we understand near the weekend that a express to a house warm at Cuba in bring into people back and so we forced to bring these correct medical patients and others.

Are we familiar with that
Senator Fugates. I want to go into the record.

Mr. President and gentlemen, I am gratified that the Senate has united behind this noble leader of the day. Although there are people who have been to Congress, who have been to England, who have been to Spain, and other countries, and who have been a willing to come here -

Mr. President, this should not happen. A nation is a nation only through its people. To have numbers of people leave their homes is a worldwide evil that should be corrected by our representatives.

Now that we have the war which I am to the President.

I would like to emphasize the fact that the administration is doing. The people of this country, being the representatives of the people who have resources, and deeply concerned. They are very sympathetic to people who are seeking freedom, but under I say, the United States cannot accommodate all these people.

INTERVIEWS ON OTHER TOPICS

Now, if amendments are properly made, if places are made for all of these people, not only in the United States, but in other countries, I have been very clear on this question. If they are brought here, they should be kept segregated and separate until they can be harmonized in other Central American and South American countries.

Central and South America have a great deal of territory. We have in Brazil. We have in Brazil and many other large countries that have plenty of area which could absorb many easily some of these people.

The people of the United States have a large area, like as many people in the world. But, at the same time, we cannot be asked upon to
permanently among people on such a large scale and which would violate the laws of this country.

It seems to me that the situation really is that the United Nations should take in hand. But Government should see that that is done. The people from Cuba must come in and the world ofcourse cooperate along that line. It's assumed in an . . . world problem. This is a world problem, too.

We can do so many things we can to help these people who really want to and freedom. In the other hand, Cuba as a country, generally is for its own purpose to get rid of people who are very close to the people who might be on an island or people who are not and cherished and a part of their country.

Would you care to comment on that?

ARCHBISHOP McCARTHY: I could comment, Senator Fere. I think of the two, I favor it with the Cuban government shall not cooperate, in this sort of thing.

Second, I believe we are among at least in the Cuban problem, to be in the United States. Ogden is, [some estimate there] 50 per cent [there] It, 99 per cent of the As many are or less than in the United States.

Third, some of the reports we are hearing in Miami are that those who are close to the Patriotic Front are to other countries are in very strong state, almost on a level, because they do not cooperate and properly recognize them.

Fourth, one country's right to remove 20,000 a year.

We do have the Catholic Reference and Haitian Jewish and they tell us they can recognize them. We know, I am just pleading with you, I know you want to, too, very to be responsible.

UNITED NATIONS QUESTION SESSION

Senator Thurman: Is there any feeling that there is really a United Nations problem?

ARCHBISHOP McCARTHY: Oh, yes, I agree that it is a major problem that this is the United States.

Senator Thurman: And that the United Nations should really be a central concern and its ultimate goal is like the other nations would cooperate.

ARCHBISHOP McCARTHY: I think that is the idea. We have the type of action.

I also would simply point out that the Cubans are a great need to the country. It isn't long before they are also recognized. I think they demonstrated that nowhere more so the Miami area. I think they turned Miami into a sort of international trade center because Miami now is normal and socialized.

I think it's a wonderful way to start.

Senator Thurman: Well, the Cubans are very fine people. 

And the United States is sympathetic to the plight of the many of them and its own town.

As I say, I don't know, and you can't be sure that you want to go out from under the hand of a dictator, because I imagine the
I think most of the questions have been pursued but possibly what I would like this committee to do.

Mr. Chairman, I think we would like this committee to investigate the administration respecting the power that it was at the present time that we believe it has, to grant a place to those Cubans and Haitians who have been here for a long time. We believe it should be continued.

I say the second thing is that an adequate reason is given as to why the laws have been placed in such a way that there is an extraordinary law for the past two years, and for the past two years in accordance to the laws.

These two things I think are two top answers.

Mr. Chairman. Have you had an opportunity to discuss the laws?

Mr. Chairman. When one, when one investigates a government in a country like Haiti, one has severe economic problems. There is no question that the country itself is in a state of poverty, economic or political. There are definitely cases of the people, as they are of the Cuban refugees, as they always have been among the Haitians, suffering in.

Somebody comes from Haiti, who has lost his property in order, certainly an economic refugee. He may never have been an active political activity. He has, of course, on the property ownership that.

So, I don't think we can easily separate people into these two categories.
We have, however, been able to determine the general socio-economic back-grounds of the Cuban nation in the last 30 years. Mononue WR. The census figures of those who have been registered in Miami, unfortunately they are very representative of the Cuban nation as a whole, more so than previous inferences.

There is a higher percentafl of black Cubans among them. There is a higher percentage of lower-class workers among them.

They are much younger than the Cuban population of the United Nations. Their average age is in the country, in the more industrial periods of their lives.

Senator Dade. Does this present any give the percentage who are there for reunification of their families?

Mononue WR. Yes. It gives a very precisely. Those who state they have families in the Miami area and those outside of the United States, the figure the archbishop gives of 79 percent as a measure, in the period of those processed in the year 1956, in the United States.

A very large percentage of those have relatives in the United States, and those relatives in the United States.

REUNIFICATION AND RECONCILIATION

Senator Dade. Beyond asking the administration to act by the 15th of this month, in about 2 weeks, are there any suggestions as to what we have to do to be implemented by the 15th of May?

Mononue WR. Yes?

Senator Dade. Like the word "relaxed" need redefinition or any other?

Mononue WR. I think the word that is not fixed in any art is that, once an international or a refugee, the seeking asylum in the country as a country of first asylum need to be handled. The way it is handled by the American in who legally or illegally or in whichever way we are in the United States and seek political asylum is simply to say, "The Attorney General is in developing regulations.

It really doesn't give any indication on what those regulations might be. I want to be concerned that while we are needed there, that Congress needs to set a policy, we can see what is the country, or how refugees are being handled in this country as a country of first asylum need to be handled.

I think the law needs to be more specific or it needs to be fairly specific and just to inform the regulations.

READ IN U.S. AND MEANINGful SUSPENSE

Senator Dade. I am not a member of the Senate, but I have been in the Senate for the last three years, and I want to help pass the laws.

I hope to have another chance in that regard. I think we have it or just to inform the regulations.

READ IN U.S. AND MEANINGful SUSPENSE
Senator Kavanagh. That was when they visited the said offices of
the U.S. High Commissioner for Refugees.
It seemed to me that in these areas, as the honorable Senator pointed out,
it would be useful if the same kind of an orderly process
to that of the U.S. High Commissioner was also observed.
In 1975, the U.S. High Commissioner visited the High Commissioner
and then came to Vienna, and worked with the staff of agencies.
and effectively, it seems to me.
Mayor Water, Senator, with regard to the Palestinian Embassory-
uation, I understand that that is not a question of people moving
from the Palestinian Embassy in order to remain a few weeks, but I
think the Commission was also involved.
Some U.K. was involved in the arrangements for transportation.
We regarded this as a very big improvement that they were involved.
between the problems that had existed with regard to the Palestinian
prisoners, and also from Cuba, for the last 1.5 months, which had been
a very difficult situation involving the Commission of 1970 and those
situations.
We were told in the ICRC that the necessity that would arise for theayed
arrangements from there to whatever country these people went to.
Senator Burt. I just have one other question.
Senator Kavanagh. Senator Burt.

SMALL COSTS TO MAINTAIN UNWANTED ACESS

Senator Burt. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
May be in case the concern of many who are working around the
country, say, in Jerusalem, of course, it is a different case,
personal interest, the interest they carry now as they enter the
country, may become a burden to the taxpayers.
Maybe I should address the question in that context. Do you
think they ever come up? The number comes from the country from 1948
who can receive N1 benefits - another benefit that might be made of
vast of the remand?
Senator Water. I have the figures are available and they are
estimated now. I believe they are below the American average at the
average below the average for their country.
Senator Burt. As far as the U.S. are concerned, it is my under-
standing, based on your comments, that there have been instances of
the work of the enterprising and competent to the courts of
relevant authorities. There have been on Federal and or pro-
grammatic, whether.
Senator Water. Senator, if some have not been, every time
they go to work permit, if they have worked, they have without
harm. The cases have been exploited, because of those things.
Senator Burt. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Senator Kavanagh. Senator Burt.
Senator Hartley. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I just want to express my deep appreciation for all the good things you have done in helping these poor people.

Mr. Hartley. Is there any question? Two questions have been raised. I will go over the objections and point out where they make an end to people who are united with the United States a day-to-day basis.

Senator Warren. No, it really doesn't make sense. In fact, I think you know there has been a changing on this situation in which local authorities from Mexico have helped together with the United States and with Canada.

I think there is not to understanding that these people are in a different category because of the reasons why they are coming here. Obviously, everyone who comes here expects to in some way improve his life over what he has before. But the fact that is, people here are political rather than economic.

I think that we have to keep these people in a way of poverty as any other place who are directly in the United States and without the work.

Senator Hartley. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Hartley. Is there any other way it could not have been done? After all, when we are talking about the 3,000 or 5,000 or whatever, after all, a group of people coming from Cuba. We are talking about a group of people who want to get out of Cuba, a group of people who had sought asylum in the United States of Peru, and in further any effort to keep them out of the United States simply because they have been in the United States of Peru.

There is no distinction that I can see, except that and the group coming now, it is only here.

Senator Rockefeller. So that it could be done even now, which the administration has not done.

Second, with regard to the United States, and I think you answered it before, that it is your understanding of the existing law that there could precede the United States upon further action of what they have here, the power and the authority to do it for the next 8 days.

Mr. Hartley. They have the power.

Senator Rockefeller. Thank you very much.

Senator Rockefeller. Thank you, Senator.

Senator Rockefeller. Thank you.

Mr. Hartley. Thank you.

Mr. Hartley. Thank you.
Managing Editor: Thank you for the opportunity to express our views too some extent toward the conclusion of the recent American election. I hope you will keep in touch with the development of the political situation and we will keep in touch with you.

Archbishop McCarthy: Thank you. We certainly will, Senator Kennedy.

Senator Kennedy: Thank you.

Mr. Horn: Thank you for the opportunity to express [The prepared statement of Archbishop McCarthy follows.]

PREPARED STATEMENT: ARCHBISHOP KENNETH A. McCARTHY

My name is Kenneth A. McCarthy. I am the Catholic Archbishop of Munich-Pliez, and with the help of Major General Walsh, our director of Catholic Charities.

A few days ago, we spent several hours in Key West, the southernmost city established by the U.S. Government. The State of Florida and Monroe County officials for the refugees working by airlift out of Cuba. What we saw was a phenomenon unprecedented in our experience in the century and which has only been compared to the Great Depression and Ellis Island in New York of the last century. What is happening today in Key West is an expression in one area of the whole of the Nation. In Key West, I saw the very poor, the very rich, the very young, the very old, being helped off the ship, brought to the long process of public health, indoctrination, and welfare disposal. We heard stories of 90 year old women, of separated families, of children, of adults, of families, of their experiences, most of whom had been abandoned in captivity-inaction. They thought they were the helpless hands and feet of a nation's allies, National Guard, U.S. Marshals and Cuban Americans, volunteers, and we saw and we talked with others, and they had actually landed on the reef.

In a large meeting yesterday, I had the privilege of addressing these men for the thousands of them as they silently listened to a new challenge for a new community. There were no words of apology for them, no feelings of this area has no name. How many of them saw the 10 to 12 hour voyage from Miami to beyond my imagination. We saw one boat which encountered to expose in the 200 unmore people on a boat, on an inshore, in a calm sea and distinguished the time.

The number of who desired to land in Key West have currently a major concern for the future of this area. The best plan is for the rest of the world to be used. This area on the Keys and its surrounding areas is needed.

We said this to the government of the U.S., the United Nations, the United Nations, and the U.S. Government who have been here each part of the community at their expense in their area.

The planning process is slow, but orderly. Conditions are prejudicial to the future of this area. The only life of our community is giving an account for these people. It's, unfortunately, given by those people who have responsibility for the area which, in their great endeavor, to overcome, to support the memories in some people, to support the people and the people of which people can quickly become way. We have seen you that way.

We are looking to open the area as soon as possible to some extent and visit the area.

We are looking at this opportunity to express our views too some extent toward the conclusion of the recent American election. I hope you will keep in touch with the development of the political situation and we will keep in touch with you.
Nears when additional progress was required by the Cuban Government, the
response of our Government was partially slow. Unfavorable reports of over 1,000
of such prisoners and their dependence are still going to Cuba.

In addition, 18 months ago, the United States agreed to take their political
prisoners released before August 1975 and their dependents, estimated to be 20,000
prisoners in all. They still wait in Cuba as problems for the settlement. In addition, we personally know of numerous who have been living in Cuba
since 1960 but who never fall into the right category of the right time. The same
bureaucratic problems that existed on both sides of the United States among
exhausted families to roam, seek an outlet once the opportunity appeared.
It happened before in 1968, and today history has repeated itself. In December
1968, we had the opportunity to talk to Secretary of State Jones and Assistant
Attorney General Eger who understand these problems and we predicted unfortunatley incorrectly, what occurred in the American internal matter last January. But only
surprise one that it took so long to occur.

In 7 years, the church of South Florida has been pleading along with many
others the release of our Cuban friends, but repeatedly, we have pointed out the
diminishing pressure of the U.S. Government and the consequent impact on our
community. We welcome the direction recent days regarding equal assurance
for both Mathias and Cuban, through the movement toward the President is equally
urgent that falls far short of the resultant reaction to prevent future of Cuba.
However, as a long suffering community, we are thankful for small
treasures.

The law of Refugee Act of 1980 is proving to be of little use. We welcome the
removal of the small number of the previous legislation based on geopolitical
considerations. We welcome the long overdue adoption of the United Nations
Relief Act. However, we cannot emphasize that just so long as
implementing the United Nations Convention and Protocol as it were. Where
the United States is the country of last resort for underrepresented groups arriving
on our shores. We called this meeting attention of people involved in preparing
these legislation and we made efforts to justify which we were never taken up. Again, this situation was brought into light. Today, in
some way to gain this matter you must see reasonable considerations, and we call
the administration to exercise this principle of the United Nations Convention in
derelating to the expanding legislation which would only cause the situation
and provide for a reasonable response to those who are entitled. We also
will work for the experience in their missions.

We recognize the problems involved are both political and social. The political
we expect to some level of taking cognizant our community. The social we are
making aware so that we be faithful to our justice. Christian commitment.
We need of the United Nations and our country the church of the country. We
regard because the people have even if we cannot help to be encouraged, we
are the dangers of politicization and we are not so naive to think that the Haitian
State is even itself willing even the 8 million refugees reported in United
Nations. We recognize that they have, in reasonable limits, and with
the hands of the process, in making detailed preparation. However, we
treasure greatly the creation of trying detailed recommendations. However, we
treasure greatly the creation of trying detailed recommendations. However, we
respectfully suggest that within the return similar immigration tide would
not only add some 300,000, the underrepresented alienlovakie people who arrived
our shores of that country of first asylum and he given proper administration.
Currently, the current time, we are taking with what is relatively small matters.
We thank that those suggestions above are long-term solutions to our dilemma.

In the meantime, our Haitian and Cuban refugees and our South Florida
community with us. We are not lawyers, but we are told that there is a legal
opinion that the President and the Attorney General have the legal authority to
say to them who among political asylum at a group of other hands to their
Holida andgenesis. If this is not, then we urge that committee to advise the President
accepting the purity, leaving all political suppuration aside. It allows the legal
questions of the matters facing them, and the President may be very
May-1, and the House. We
want to emphasize that this approach has been carefully considered and wide publicity of aיפות
issue. But any result would only bring to bear. This is some
persons and their lives. We know that the United States would
...
Senator Kehoe, Mr. Palmieri, we welcome you here to the committee.

I was reading in the paper this morning in the Washington Post where it seems that Mr. Watson is causing the sensical from the White House and coordinating the refugee program, and John Mail is in charge of part of the refugee program, you have been reappointed in charge of the refugee program.

I hope that you are going to be able to give us all the information on the administration's policy toward this problem because it does seem that authority is somewhat dispersed among the landmarks. Maybe you would define immediately who is the chief of the refugee program.

Mr. Palmieri, I would be glad to do that. Mr. Chairman, it seems to me what you are asking is general. I think that the emergency is being coordinated at the highest levels of the government. The President has asked Jack Watson, who is one of his senior officers to bring together in the White House all the principal Cabinet officers in order that the situation be taken immediately. I have been told that we have been working with him to coordinate the international and the State Department end of it.

FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is managing the emergency in Florida. It seems to me that is the right way, and exactly the way the President has determined.

Mr. Chairman.
Senator Dole. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. President, Senator, if you will let me summarize, I will mark your question.

Senator Dole. Well, I've already read the statement, I didn't reach the question in the statement. I may not be able to say, I'm rather long.

Mr. Palmieri. Well, first of all, there's no more to the year May 16. This is generally maintained. This County offers no existing for "reserves." Now, there are a number that we might explain, we might explain to Congress, there are a number that are not sure. That's not clear.

Senator Dole. Does the administration understand how a worker thinks that's a question.

Mr. Palmieri. Well, yes, sir. I think they do, but sometimes these things are new and there's a lot of issues that we need them to understand that and they are not sure and they are not clear.

Senator Dole. If the Senator would yield.

Senator Dole. I yield.

END OF PAPER TEST
...the immigration and naturalization act. I was familiar with it. That does not contradict the provisions of the administration we have here.

Now there is no reference in your statement to the Board of Immigration. Whatever you did to see 22501700 to how did that change?

Mr. Palmer. We would still have the parole power after May 7th. For humanitarian reasons, I want to make that point.

Senator Kefauver. Well, are you planning to try it below the Board of Immigration? I am trying to find out why the Board of Immigration under Justice, who are the old law enforcers.

Mr. Palmer. Senator, every possible approach is now being reviewed including that one.

Senator Kefauver. Obviously, it will be if this emergency is not solved by that provision as some questions. Senator, we shall be considering that.

Senator Kefauver. We want to know who is the ultimate power's position. Have you told you what mine is. I want to know what yours is.

Mr. Palmer. You know, Congress has made it clear. We are aware that they want consideration. They want it. They want it.

Chairman Kefauver. Senator Dyer, what are we trying to find out? What is the administration's position? You have known this thing was something for a day. It is a mystery, we have had the problem for twenty-one years now. We have had the warnings of the Administration to the State Department over 20 years ago about it.

We had the Italian situation being political consul, now with the Department.

You are before the committee that there is no reference of a law of any nature. Can you give us a straight answer? At the present time do you plan to provide them in favor of don --

Mr. Palmer. Mr. Chairman, I am over a very straight answer. Senator Kefauver. Very well. Let's start.

Mr. Palmer. That is the answer is that we are considering various ways of acting on the problem. We have no plan at the moment. As I appear before the committee to indicate a new policy before May 7th.

We have opinions available that the May 7th; what would have a point for humanitarian reasons. Leagues have made it plain when they testified that they wanted to consider a measure for mass action. Senator Dyer, I think would speak on the middle of this problem.

Chairman Kefauver. You'd never bother. You never do that.

Senator Dyer. The last time I would do. I suppose.

Mr. Palmer. I am happy to assure you the position.

Chairman Kefauver. I have an objective question here. I know Senator Kefauver has been the chief.

There is no difference of opinion. I was trying to get up as one on the committee, a new member of the committee, with the administration plan will, I there would be a plan announced.

Maybe, as you indicate now, it is not necessary.

Mr. Palmer. I don't think it is necessary.
Who is responsible for this?

Senator Kennedy. You asked, "We are studying this." Who is doing the study?

Mr. Petersen. Well, I have said that this problem is being studied at the highest levels of the Government, by people involved on both the domestic and international sides.

You know, Senator—

Senator Doar. There are a lot of people. There are a lot of people involved here.

Mr. Petersen. There are a lot of people involved in this problem.

Senator Doar. Specifically?

Mr. Petersen. All the senator-White House people are involved. If you talk to the people in the State Department and the Justice Department, they are working on this problem.

Senator Doar. The President has been involved?

Mr. Petersen. The Cabinet—He—and the Federal delegation just the other day.

Senator Doar. How are you getting with the President?

Mr. Petersen. Yes, sir.

Senator Doar. Recently?

Mr. Petersen. Yes, sir.

Senator Doar. Why?

Mr. Petersen. With the Federal delegation, just a few days ago.

Senator Kennedy. But the point is does the open law that the President talked about that we also saw an internal law that also might affect that include the Haitians or doesn't it include the Haitians?

You have that answer?

Senator Kennedy. That is fair. But are—Open law means we don't want the Cubans, and the Haitians? I just want to find out now.

Mr. Petersen. What is meant is no Cuban applicants for legal status, they are from Haiti or from Cuba, or from such as this, and the same way under the new act. This is your own understanding. You had a big fight in the Senate on this.

Senator Kennedy. That is right.

Mr. Petersen. Yes.

Senator Kennedy. I know what the law is. It says that you have let them go, apply for legal status, is today, after consultation with the Cabinet, I know that you have the power and the authority to do that today.

Now we are back to the other question about whether you are prepared to do it. The President made the statement it's an important policy. We have met the Cuban situation, have we reached a point of time—
We know that we can control. We are just trying to find out what the administration's position is.

Evidently, from your answers, you are misapprehending the meaning.

**Concerning the Haitian Parole**

Mr. Paseur: I am sure that the administration is happy to see over the fact that you in particular, and perhaps others in Congress have taken a chance on the parole. That was supposed to be merely tested by the new law.

Senator Kefauver: The fact of the matter is that while the new law did involve a change in the parole authority, but existing law still gives the parole authority, up to May 15, to parole Haitians here. We know that, but let us consider the question of the administration. It is made clear that the administration intends to keep the Cubans here. The question is whether you intend to continue the existing law which is on the books until May 15, the group parole authority, to accept Haitians here.

Now if you are not, then that is that. If you are going to continue to keep it on the books as is.

That is what we are trying to do.

Mr. Paseur: Let me try to give you an answer that prejudices how important the question is. It seems to me premature to take a decision by the May 15 date, because we would be the power under the humanitarian law, given the Attorney General's discretion that remains, so parole in the Haitians, those Cubans or others, if that is determined to be right way to do it.

But this is a decision that has huge impact on our own country, doesn't impose that much to be commercial. I think it is a decision that has to be taken every day. I don't think with all the reasons that we running right here, that this is the case on what is over all, explicitly date, to be driven into a decision when we don't know the magnitude and direction of the flow. We are not in a position to determine the impact on this country. We have not revised the Haitian international concern interest on our side. There is nothing to create any problems as he may, as fast as he may.

I want to approach the administration would not happen.

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**Respect for the Parole**

Senator Kefauver: I will include in the record the letter that I sent to the Attorney General on November 8th about the Haitians.

To try to suggest in this farfetched line there's sometimes understandings and that the administration does not want to be committed that the administration at the time is not on record in particular in the sense it's current and then there may be another bill problem.

I will put in the record my letter of November 8th and the response from the Justice Department where Mr. Stimson had pointed out that the Haitian situation has created severe problems and some, perhaps beyond solution. So, he recognizes the problem.

I will just include them in the official record.
[Senator Kennedy's letter and Attorney General Thurmond's response below]

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

November 18, 1959.

Dear Mr. Attorney General,

At your request, I am forwarding hereon a summary of recent decisions in the field of international law and practice in the United States on the subject of political asylum. The summary is based on a study of the relevant international provisions and the decisions of the United States courts and tribunals. I hope you will find it of value.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy
United States Senator
Washington, D.C.

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Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary.
U.S. Senate.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

The Attorney General has discussed with me the matter of political asylum in the United States. We have been in agreement that the question of political asylum is a matter of great importance and that it is desirable to have a clear understanding of the principles involved.

In considering requests for political asylum, the Government applies the same standard as it does in the United States Convention and Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees. When a request for asylum is received from an alien in the United States, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which is the agency authorized to consider the request, determines whether the alien is a refugee within the meaning of the Convention and Protocol. If the alien is determined to be a refugee, the request is referred to the Department of State for its guidance in determining the alien's eligibility for asylum.

In general, the determination of political asylum in the United States is based on a consideration of the political conditions in the country of origin. The majority of alien applicants for political asylum have been from countries where there is a well-documented history of political instability and persecution.

It is important to note that the decision on whether an alien is eligible for political asylum is based on a careful review of the facts presented by the alien and the evidence introduced by the Government. The decision is made by the Attorney General, who is guided by the principles of international law and the policies of the United States government.

Sincerely yours,

Robert F. Kennedy
At the same time, we are required to the House, according to our plan, to examine the petition made by Mr. and Mrs. B., and we have no information or evidence upon which to base our action. May I, therefore, move

That the House

John H. Torrey.

Adopt Senate reso. 2245.

Senator Retzer. Senator Martinshaw.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMISSION ON HUMAN ADMISSION.

Senator Martinshaw: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, the thing that concerns us, which I just mentioned in my opening statement, is the different treatment given to two groups of people. I have difficulty in making a distinction between the Indians and the Chinese.

Now you talk about circumstances and conditions. The fact is that there is the May 15 date that you have known about, it is a new date.

My question is: Are you going to be before before May 15 with respect to the Indians?

Mr. Chairman: Well, Senator, I have tried to answer that question. We are trying to assess the impact of this decision, including the Human situation.

You know, the Human Act is an expression of congressional will that all applicants for asylum are treated equally or a case-by-case basis.

This administration feels the greatest regard for the plight of the Indians. We have done some at the time of the past few weeks and months since the passage of the act, to resolve the problem.

We know there were some concerns for the plight of the Chinese, and we are following the same course in which we deal with Indians who are seeking to leave the country, as opposed to others.

I have tried to say that what we are seeking is an approach that is people equally on the same issue. This is so.

Senator Martinshaw: Yes, I understand.

Mr. Chairman.

PARDON AUTHORITY TO BE EXPEDITE MAY 15.

Mr. Chairman. Concerning the question of pardon. The impact, I would prefer sometimes that Congress create a committee to study the problem.

The fact is that the back-up time is due on May 15. Now will you have made your decision prior to that time and will there be a clear and definite answer known to the same purpose to give some guidance to the people, which changes on May 15, will we have one implementation, so will you still be considering to make the problem which is not a new one and which I might say is among much house number of people came up in 18, 19,000 or 20,000.

Hollings?
I think the real question is: Will you give an unpremeditated answer to how the matter will be handled before the 15th, or will you continue to resist?

Mr. Patterson. Well, Senator, I am supposed to know that there is something wrong with your legislation.

Senator Musgrave. I didn't say that. I implied there is something wrong with delaying it past the cutoff date. I think you have had time to consider it for a long time.

So I think there is some sense being within being reasonable about the cutoff date. There is nothing wrong with your crossing it, which is not a new requirement on your part.

Mr. Patterson. Well, let me point out, Senator, that no more is worked by mentioning a May 15 date.

In the first place, we have a panel for handling the current condition. Second, there is no magical deadline more than the Baker date. We have some groups of people to be brought into court, and so on, running with all speed, it will be necessary.

Next, in the present climate, when the African nations are new and the whole black community acting fast, that they are fast, legislation, seems to me, that we need the help and the support of this group. Also, point out that the programs, each one can say, that there is a contest of 20 years of American treatment, based on the fact that the Congress has always responded differently to a victim of Communist persecution than it did to people of other lands.

That was repeated in the new aid. It was a great step forward.

We are trying now to implement this. We are trying to know this to the other. And, as with all treaties, we are not going to be superimposed on a May 15 panel unless we have other options available to a careful and prudent purpose.

Senator Musgrave. Mr. Patterson, let me ask—

Senator Musgrave. If the Senator would yield.

Senator Musgrave. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

About These Individual Cases

Senator Musgrave. It is very important for the panel to make clear that the people and unity is to be handled after May 15. We are not certain what a way to handle is these groups of people, unity equally after May 15.

Now we can hear of a case of individuals. And that it is going to have to be done individually, one by one, or small groups, and so on, and here again we can hear—

Senator Musgrave. Mr. Chairman, would it be a little easier to have a case or an individual perspective with respect to the parole expansion in May 15?

Senator Musgrave. Yes.

Chairman. Yes. I hope the 1st. We will let Senator Kennedy formally point out. At the panel they were asked if the Attorney General's words— It must be May 15, is a general
The humanitarian desire, after all, is an individual place which requires no explanation, as is the case for Cubans. TheUTURE for the future and the future for the present, and the present for the future, and the future for the present, and the present for the future...
Mr. Faust: The Issue is now on the present of the border question in the next Congress. The Fugitive slave application statute does not valid person by law, under congressional enactment.

Senator Morgan. Do you suggest that the whole problem revolves around the question of whether or not the Department is required to make a distinction between two groups of people?

Mr. Faust: Well, I just don't see how you could ignore that. That is very important.

Senator Morgan. Has the administration asked the Senate for the Senator?

Mr. Faust: Yes, the Senate for the Senate for the Senate. I am the Senate for the Senate. I am the Senate for the Senate. I am the Senate for the Senate. I am the Senate for the Senator.

So that we have done, we feel that the Senate for the Senate. I am the Senate for the Senate. I am the Senate for the Senate. I am the Senate for the Senator.

Judge Kent. I think there is a general feeling that there is a different kind of treatment, and I think there are some differences, but I don't think the Senate for the Senate. I am the Senate for the Senate. I am the Senate for the Senate. I am the Senate for the Senator.

Senator Mead. The Senate for the Senate. I am the Senate for the Senate. I am the Senate for the Senator.

Judge Kent. With the single exception of Senator Faust, the Senate for the Senate. I am the Senate for the Senator.

Senator Kent. Do you really think you can raise a question of that in Florida or any in the Northern countries or think you can do anything you think you can do? Judge Kent. Well, you have to give me a chance before that applies is not.

Senator Mead. How many deportations have you against Cubans and how many do you have against Cubans?

Judge Kent. Well, basically, there are no deportation proceedings against Cubans.
Sen. <NAME>, I have a point I would like to make in the interest of the Haitians at the time when there are some who are trying to upset the situation and suggest that the Haitian is a menace to the country. I believe this is not the case.

I have heard some people say that the Haitians are a menace to the country. I believe this is not the case. The Haitians are a hard-working people, and they have contributed significantly to the development of this country. They have a lot to offer and a lot to give.

I believe that the Haitians should be treated with respect and dignity. They are a proud people, and they should be treated as such. I believe that the Haitians should be given the opportunity to contribute to the development of this country.

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Senator Dort, I give the always interesting e. Congress at
change the law, as we feel so strongly about it. Senator Murray and
indicate, that we can be assured in that view.

Senator Dort: If the law has been abrogated and our action
the same.

Senator Dort: We can change it, and if there is any judgment. My
question is, can we, as with you. I just don't want to let
into all the other details. This is a going on—[only
represents which

In any event

Senator Knight: You need to know it appears.

Senator Dort: I know, but nobody else did. That is the problem.

Laughter

You are asking in this committee now that if nothing is done, not
at all. By May 15, it is because I am not necessary. That, of
consideration Congress or Congress or whatever in a yearly, every
after May 15, there has been asked at the moment a treatment of
museums campuses and to this, from one individual or connected to
another

Is that in essence what you are suggesting?

Mr. Chairman, I am saying there is an issue in the May 12, 19--:
May 15, we would still have to vote on the Bureau.

This is not the time to be rushed into a decision.

I must add that we are trying to do very hard of the
theirs, which the chairman has pointed out, which prior
have essential and are absolutely essential.

For an interdepartmental the problem. We have just participated
in the Foster River Conference, to do exactly that. I think that was a
precipitation.

Second, to make the orderly and a managed flow. We are doing
that. We are working to get an orderly and a managed flow out of this.
I think the response of everybody who has been involved in this
management deserve consideration and, indeed, the Congress, the State, and
I think the Federal Government has even to learn on it, even and

But, Senator, to answer the chairman's question, I would say,
our pression, we have to exercise a new policy before May 15. But we not
be doing what we think we are doing, after consulting with the Congress. We
are ready to do that when it is clear who the order of magnitude of
the law is and what the impact on the country is.

I think it very before that responsible. We have many groups
in the country. We have important, and no opinion is involved
here. We are addressing those questions.

Senator Theresa, I think I have just yes. Senator Knight's
Senator Thimmes.
Senator Talmage, thank you. Mr. Chairman,
Have you entered the U.N. High Commissioner, and if so, what
are the results of that research?
Mr. Talmage, Senator, we have a full set of contacts with the U.N.
High Commissioner for Refugees, among first of all, out of the situa-
tion in the Peruvian Embassy, where the High Commissioner’s staff
was brought in immediately into Curaçao as
The refugee program has arrived in Curaçao, the
UNHCR, was introduced in bringing the UNHCR into that
situation.
We have since applied to the UNHCR to become involved in
reviewing the files of Cuban, just as it has been doing in reviewing
the files of Haitian applicable for asylum.
I might add to that again, in relation to the chairman’s opening com-
ments that the communiques from the Curaçao, which has indicated
that UNHCR will play a major coordinating role with respect
to the flow, with respect to managing it, with respect to the recom-
mandations for making it a humane orderly, butInto flow.
I think that we respect the importance of internationalizing and
engage in a U.N. international agency like the U.N. High Com-
missioner very look as apparent as the entire witnesses and the
chairman that you have indicated.

CASE-BY-CASE REVIEW

Senator Talmage. A great many people feel that the administration
isn’t moving as quickly, and has not acted as generously as it should, it has not faced as aggressively as it should in pursu-
ance, public in this matter.
I will leave to say that, that I agreed with you though. About this case by
case request when the Immigration Act was passed this year—which
was on March 17, 1980. Subsection 34, section 34, of the 1980
Act was amended.
It was amended this way:

The Act says that the court in any such case in a court of the
State, no record shall be accepted that shall not be a record of the
commencement. It can accept the record of the record, without
the record of the record, without

Thus, we further add, that this was not part of

For example, if the utility company had a record of the
utility company, it might, under the subsection of the commen-
tment of the record of the record, without a record of the record

This was what the chief, general, or any other person in the utility company
might, under the subsection of the record, without the record of the record

Now, I am understanding that, that which I have to do before, is to

Judge Blumberg, yes, so

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Senator Kazanjian. So although I urge... that you have not moved as rapidly as you should... and the Cuban problem... I brought your position here under the law... if you do have to appeal them... case by case.

Judge Roven. Incidentally, Mr. Chairman, in reviewing the report of the Immigration and Naturalization Service... we are presently detaining some 500 Cubans for possible deportation...

Senator Kazanjian. About 1 month, I understand... Judge Roven. Well, there is no... somehow you approach... that is what we feel should be...

Senator Kazanjian. Your position, the fact that you have... somehow you suggest that you can seek... and the law under the existing authority...

To our ask you this, Mr. Palomar, given the fact that you are... the 60-day temporary parole for the Cubans at the present time... and you indicated that after May 15... you will... prepare to make a report... for increased numbers of persons... we have many millions of dollars... we must have for the Immigration Service... prepare these?

Mr. Palomar. I think that is exactly how we... we are solving our... All our masters... be expected.

**PORT IMPLICATIONS:***

Senator Kazanjian. Why is your best estimate... that some thought now and what the true is going to be... many millions of dollars... What is your best estimate... Mr. Palomar. Mr. Chairman, we have many... in the INS right now, in the case of the... We have processed... and the INS, that Fernia.

We tell you very quickly that we have just... the assessment... I think you are suggesting... that is required... when they are on INS processes would be... that there is simply too much involved... to make it practical... therefore would... in a proper way... dealing with those numbers... We are dealing with... say harsh... If we can... the INS... to cut down... that we must appeal... people on a... We have to now hear all this... a special problem... Senator Kazanjian. Let us continue with your testimony...

Mr. Palomar. Well, thank you. Mr. Chairman. It will not...
Senator Keating: Would you care to state the results of the Key West Conference, and the efforts of the administration to internationalize the problem, and how many additional sums of money did you get from the League of Nations into other countries?

Mr. Patman: We tentatively put a certification of the present treaty made with respect to the Austrian Embassy—

Senator Keating: Get what?

Mr. Patman: The countries who made commitments to take us over out of the Austrian Embassy for settlement, certified these commitments to us here. Essentially, it amounted to about 2,500 individuals.

Senator Keating: They just certified their commitments. You did not get any increase at all?

Mr. Patman: Well, I don't think anybody came to this conference with the thought that that was the No. 1 need of business. Recognizable and realizable commitments were on the agenda. But, the No. 1 priority of income was to get a delegation to go to France to deal with China toward the end of a business under-, an flow of people—a system of operations like the one we had in 1900 to 1917.

Senator Keating: If so, that was the sense of repayment. So, I don't find it surprising, that the information that they were willing to continue these 2,500 commitments as the present situation.

The UNITED STATES NEED COMMITMENTS TO SETTLE CHINESE EXPENSES

Senator Keating: Did you ask to Cost Key West for additional commitments?

Mr. Patman: No. It was simply mentioned in to—

Senator Keating: What about?

Mr. Patman: The issue of supplemental commitment was on the

Senator Keating: Right.

Mr. Patman: It was discussed. It was not clear that—

Senator Keating: Did the United States ask for any?

Mr. Patman: We asked them to consider it was the Treasury Department. What did you ask them to consider?

Senator Keating: We didn't try to close on that at that point, at

Senator Keating: What does all that mean, then, didn't you ask them to—

Senator Keating: Did you ask them to take additional amounts

Mr. Patman: Those expenses are the ones with which it is their responsibility to make commitments to settlement. They came in near the situation of President Poincaré, when all during the conference in Key West, he also tried to consider the idea of settlement commitments. It was plain they were prepared to go on the same scale as against the Turkish Embassy.

It was not our conference. We made plain that we could continue their settlement commitments, and to make further to their cooperation.

Another important factor is that the new countries who were there who were not part of the earlier commitments on the Austrian Embassy, did say that they were willing to continue being settlement,
making recommitment commitments. That hospital Armoni, in
leading Italy, the United Kingdom, the assistance.
I think there are now some 45,000, so you're questions.
Senator KENNEDY. Well, apparently you do. But I would urge the
be. I have no idea. Can you tell us what differences are taken
in additional measures at the time?
Mr. Packard. Not at all.
Senator KENNEDY. You did not.
Mr. Packard. Not specifically. It is pronounced that has
Senator KENNEDY. Why not?
Mr. Packard. Well, because we are trying to move on another
in this. We are very much concerned with that. I talked
question of recommitment is a very big question. I think
the phrase that's in a situation is a mistake.
Senator Murphy. I understand what you just said.
Senator KENNEDY. I didn't either.

INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Senator KENNEDY. To rush into present to the situation
nations are ready to take some action in this respect is a mistake.
Some, I think, believe that it's quite considerable. That former
refugee, who was set of them. We think a move can't be seen what
in the state. We do think there is an international community
themselves. And yet are saying that you think so rush out
is a mistake?

What should we do? Almost a year of time from now?
Mr. Packard. We were very quick to the President and the
months. I think you understand that it would not be possible to get
as an escape to a conference designed to have million or problem,
designed to come to an international convention, that is, the international
refugee, if you are able to see in this problem at all.

We were not in the position to ask, since people make sure
matter is not in the agreement just that point. It was discussed. We are inclined
those which would consider it. That's a very difficult matter. If
those cases were to go back having made commitments, they might
lose the chance of ever accepting these kind commitments.
That is going to take a lot of diplomatic activity. We are not going to
will to that.

Senator Murphy. No, but they certainly have not been
impossible to take in these countries and come back with promises.
us to may say they would take.
Mr. Packard. In any case, that was a lot of uncertain
that was.

Senator Murphy. When do we expect to get some response
that's important?
Mr. Packard. Well, we hope in May or June with these
months. I can't hope we can't respond soon. But let's see, we have to be sure of that.
are, we need to tell the government of the state. We are taking steps
on the convention, which we hope will be seen by the
I understand that the United States comes far. And they won't
out the situation.
QUESTION OF TRADE IN COCA LEAVES.

Senator McKee, what is the American position in regard to the question of trade in coca leaves, and, generally, with what countries are we dealing in this trade?

Mr. Paton. That is my understanding.

Senator McKee. Do you consider that there is a close working relationship with the United States than there is to the Central American countries, or is there greater working relationship with British dominions?

Mr. Paton. My understanding is that there is a tendency that we would like to have greater working relationship with the United States.

Senator McKee. Mr. Paton, you mentioned before the importance of the economic relations with Great Britain, and that you had been interested in the cooperation of Great Britain and the United States in the matter of the spread of coca leaf. Do you consider that there is a close working relationship with the United States than there is to the Central American countries, or is there greater working relationship with British dominions?

Mr. Paton. Well, it is difficult to say whether that have been working relationship with British dominions.

Senator McKee. What about Mexico?

Mr. Paton. Well, Mexico has supplied very large amounts of coca leaf.

Senator McKee. Did the United States ask for Mexico to supply this coca leaf?

Mr. Paton. You know, President Cardenas and the Mexican government have always been quite interested in the United States, and I do not know if they have supplied any coca leaf to Mexico.

Senator McKee. Did you ask the Mexican government to supply coca leaf to the United States?

Mr. Paton. I do not know.

Mr. President, I have a further question in regard to the position of the President of the United States on May 5th, he said: "We are not, under any circumstances, in accordance with America's way."

Which is the position of the United States government now?

Mr. Paton. Well, there has been no change in the position of the President of the United States. They are opposed to any coca leaf trade, and the President was in agreement with that position when he stated that the coca leaf trade should be stopped in the country.

Senator McKee. Which has been the position now?

Mr. Paton. We are trying to do precisely what the President has always been doing, to have the coca leaf trade stopped in the country.
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Senator Kennedy. I believe and audaciously declare it, that the Refugee Act applies to this case. Not by allowing Palestine to enter and grow without any Federal help, whether it is in Florida or elsewhere, will foster many communities. They are ill poised to balance the scales of different values. The real act is the Refugee Act.

In other words, you are not saying that we have all the批cases whom the Zionist has moved. The situation is that they will come to the United States, and the local communities are on their own.

Mr. Patten. We have not set any communities that they are not on their own. You Government, the administration and the Congress have not gone to see that these people are given to them.

We ought not to make system about any of the aspects of this problem. There is enough trouble, there is enough suffering here, and it is.

Senator Kennedy. Well, I will just answer this. I am strong and the question that is being raised is, if I wanted to classify the Refugee Act under section 302 of the Refugee Act, which you mention, or if I wanted there is a distinction between Palestine, or the Persian Embassy, and those who have publicly identified themselves since then.

Maybe that is an important distinction to you. I don't think it is for most Americans. They don't understand that distinction, the Oithces are being satisfied on its way.

It seems to me that section 207 applies. The administration should be able to use it. The range of benefits to communities should be given some consideration, and get under some legislation that they or may not be taken by the Congress or by the administration, that they will receive some help.

Mr. Patten. Senator, doesn't that give other groups the invitation to rush our shores if you take exactly that position?

It seems clear to me that the act did not contemplate that for every group. Again, it discriminates between refugees processed abroad and people who come here as individuals, as part of our own community, and others. To discriminate in the manner you are using here is a very dangerous thing to do.

Now we have to deal with the problem of the community. We have to deal with the human rights issues. But, I hope this committee to act and deal with discrimination and organize to people to work out our problems under the provisions of the Refugee Act.

We are taking 200,000 refugees from all over the world this year. We will spend $1.7 billion on all these groups. We are trying to approach this problem humanly, morally, practically, and we cannot be pushed on it.

Senator Kennedy. This is a question of circumstances.

Mr. Patten. This is current.

Senator Kennedy. But just what it all indicates that if we do the right and respond to the humanitarian needs of the Oithces now, and also the Hebrews, that we are creating general interest, which in the long term will mean a better country.
ignore the unique set of circumstances. We have responded historically to Cuba. There is nothing new. We could have used your same logic at the time of the Philippines, say, "Thank you. We are taking the same
measure on the same problem. That is everything to an invasion for
people to come up— into the United States. It is invalid, when special
circumstances.

We have responded in a human and compassionate way. There are
both the authority and I believe the law in existence which would
permit the administration to do so under the law of circumstances;
and that is something I personally believe.

Senator Thone. I have an additional question.

Mr. Palmroy. Thank you.

Senator Kefauver. Senator Chiles.

Senator Curtis. Mr. Chairmain, I thank you. I do have a couple of
questions I would like to ask.

Senator Kefauver. Would you like to go to it now?

Senator Curtis. Yes.

Senator Kefauver. I just want to acknowledge the presence of
Congressman Walter Palmroy here. I am not going to be able to be
here for all of his presentation.

Mr. Palmroy. Senator, I want to acknowledge the presence of
Congressman Walter Palmroy here. I am not going to be able to be
here for all of his presentation.

Senator Palmroy. Well, I think the situation in Latin America is a
difficult one. It is not only for them to be interested but for many of
them to be essentially a bilateral set of issues between Cuba
and the United States.

Yet, President Castro, who is a commodity, and the 26 countries
that are recognized that it is an international problem, and it does
impact upon people feeling that where it is involved, those countries
will share this problem. So, I think the best we can do is, to some
extent in the 26 countries, convene—

Mr. Palmroy. I do not think international organizations, the United
States represents—indicates a level of concern that Castro has to take account of.

On the other hand, Senator, to ask those individual countries to
become members of the delegation, to go to Havana, to help them
to take risks in terms of their domestic situation, in terms of extranet
from their own political press, which they are slow to want. In fact,
and which is not necessary for us to request them to,

I think that coming together in an international fashion on that
issue, to express the concern, to recognize it as an international
problem, to work to have this put into a different channel as an actual
mission, not as an official, but to provide a delegation author in Havana
for a long stay.
I think it was a big step for President Kennedy to take. I think it was a big step for all these countries to consent to participation.

Senator, I could not ask anyone here little, or deuce, I would say, in fact, these 11 countries accomplished, even if that delegation is not led by the Castro authorities, which it may not be.

INTERNATIONAL THE PROBLEM

Senator Cooper. Well, and actually, my point, that it will not be especially looking at the makeup of that delegation.

It seems like to me if we had many Latin and Central American countries on there, there would certainly be a much better chance of success at being met by the Cuban delegation. Right now, the way we are heading, one of the worst is the flow of the refugees coming into the United States. We don't seem to think there is any way to do that. Unless we are willing to take the steps to stop the boats, then there is no way, other than having some kind of a consent from the Castro.

It seems that the only way we are going to get, if a country is in the situation. The only way I think we are going to get that is to establish this into an international problem, and actually a hemisphere problem.

Mr. Proxmire. Well, you are exactly right. We have taken the first step toward that goal. It is a step in that direction. I think you are right, Senator. It is not sufficient in itself. We are going to advance every possible diplomatic change. We are going to make every effort to have to make it clear that this is an international problem.

I think that is needed on those countries. They have given attention.

SESSION OF THE BAR

Senator Cooper. May I speak for a moment of the tie in this particular?

Mr. Proxmire. Well, we cannot tell that the OAS is necessarily the logical place to go with it. There are other forces which may be more appropriate. The special forum, I think, really did turn to focus on what the committee agreed was an exceptional agora.

I think that the special forum offers better possibilities than the OAS. It is not an easy matter to work.

Senator, you must as much or more about the area of the world, than anybody. You know that it is a delicate and difficult diplomatic area.

Senator Cooper. Yes, I know. Mr. Ambassador is this kind of a nation. If you are talking for someone, you are going to be speaking for a long time. I don't think we are going to find a lot of volunteers. Even the fact that you put after the problem of our Latin American neighbors have in their own government.

Mr. Proxmire. Well, Senator, there is a problem in Havana that had been resolved necessarily to begin. I mean it is a matter of time to manipulate other Latin nation. He has been willing to disrupt the relationship with some of the more important countries in Latin America.

I think you have to Cecile, Senator, and then to be sure that you do, in the control of a resolution that is binding, in the control of another who is a minority. He is doing things which are remarkable on competent testimony in that hearing.
Mr. President. Well, you know, Senator, you can't hold a special conference on what happened to be very short notice, and, of course, you can't hold it in the country that you are going into very other international events.

That conference would never take place. They would all wait too long.

So, we have to study the international situation in an orderly way. Again, you can't do it all at once. You have to make a move on one shoulder, then go there and then shoulder their share of the responsibility.

I think we received a very solid response at Latin, Kolkata, and I think we are ready to take exactly the steps that you are proposing, and there is no arrangement.

Senator Carter. I would think much more of your solid response if I saw some of those countries on the side that we ought to see.

When I saw my desk, there, who agreed to call the conference an international conference, the United States, I think it is very good sense as much as what has been taken.

Mr. President. Well, Senator, you can't make one to a nation of this process, the United States, and not all the steps that we have taken could like to it are going to do.

These countries have their politics, too.

We cannot press them to do the things that they can with the force of the state that we are trying to build in this hemisphere.

Senator Carter. Thank you, Senator Mazzolani.

Senator Mazzolani. Thank you, Senator.

Senator Carter. Thank you, Mr. President, thank you.

Mr. President. Thank you. Senator Mazzolani. Your statement will heading should be the record.

Mr. President. Thank you.

Mr. President. Thank you.
The proposed statement of Ambassador Palmer follows:

His Excellency Secretary of State Cordell Hull, and I, have been privileged to study the situation in South Florida and the report of your policy, as stated in the

...
Since 1979, Cuba has been the largest recipient of political asylum in the Western Hemisphere. In 1980, the United States, followed by Canada, admitted more than 12,000 Cubans. In 1981, the United States reviewed its admission policies and increased the number of refugees allowed to enter. In 1982, the United States admitted more than 20,000 Cubans. In 1983, the United States admitted more than 30,000 Cubans. In 1984, the United States admitted more than 40,000 Cubans. In 1985, the United States admitted more than 50,000 Cubans. In 1986, the United States admitted more than 60,000 Cubans. In 1987, the United States admitted more than 70,000 Cubans. In 1988, the United States admitted more than 80,000 Cubans. In 1989, the United States admitted more than 90,000 Cubans. In 1990, the United States admitted more than 100,000 Cubans. In 1991, the United States admitted more than 110,000 Cubans. In 1992, the United States admitted more than 120,000 Cubans. In 1993, the United States admitted more than 130,000 Cubans. In 1994, the United States admitted more than 140,000 Cubans. In 1995, the United States admitted more than 150,000 Cubans. In 1996, the United States admitted more than 160,000 Cubans. In 1997, the United States admitted more than 170,000 Cubans. In 1998, the United States admitted more than 180,000 Cubans. In 1999, the United States admitted more than 190,000 Cubans. In 2000, the United States admitted more than 200,000 Cubans. In 2001, the United States admitted more than 210,000 Cubans. In 2002, the United States admitted more than 220,000 Cubans. In 2003, the United States admitted more than 230,000 Cubans. In 2004, the United States admitted more than 240,000 Cubans. In 2005, the United States admitted more than 250,000 Cubans. In 2006, the United States admitted more than 260,000 Cubans. In 2007, the United States admitted more than 270,000 Cubans. In 2008, the United States admitted more than 280,000 Cubans. In 2009, the United States admitted more than 290,000 Cubans. In 2010, the United States admitted more than 300,000 Cubans. In 2011, the United States admitted more than 310,000 Cubans. In 2012, the United States admitted more than 320,000 Cubans. In 2013, the United States admitted more than 330,000 Cubans. In 2014, the United States admitted more than 340,000 Cubans. In 2015, the United States admitted more than 350,000 Cubans. In 2016, the United States admitted more than 360,000 Cubans. In 2017, the United States admitted more than 370,000 Cubans. In 2018, the United States admitted more than 380,000 Cubans. In 2019, the United States admitted more than 390,000 Cubans. In 2020, the United States admitted more than 400,000 Cubans. In 2021, the United States admitted more than 410,000 Cubans. In 2022, the United States admitted more than 420,000 Cubans. In 2023, the United States admitted more than 430,000 Cubans. In 2024, the United States admitted more than 440,000 Cubans. In 2025, the United States admitted more than 450,000 Cubans. In 2026, the United States admitted more than 460,000 Cubans. In 2027, the United States admitted more than 470,000 Cubans. In 2028, the United States admitted more than 480,000 Cubans. In 2029, the United States admitted more than 490,000 Cubans. In 2030, the United States admitted more than 500,000 Cubans. In 2031, the United States admitted more than 510,000 Cubans. In 2032, the United States admitted more than 520,000 Cubans. In 2033, the United States admitted more than 530,000 Cubans. In 2034, the United States admitted more than 540,000 Cubans. In 2035, the United States admitted more than 550,000 Cubans. In 2036, the United States admitted more than 560,000 Cubans. In 2037, the United States admitted more than 570,000 Cubans. In 2038, the United States admitted more than 580,000 Cubans. In 2039, the United States admitted more than 590,000 Cubans. In 2040, the United States admitted more than 600,000 Cubans. In 2041, the United States admitted more than 610,000 Cubans. In 2042, the United States admitted more than 620,000 Cubans. In 2043, the United States admitted more than 630,000 Cubans. In 2044, the United States admitted more than 640,000 Cubans. In 2045, the United States admitted more than 650,000 Cubans. In 2046, the United States admitted more than 660,000 Cubans. In 2047, the United States admitted more than 670,000 Cubans. In 2048, the United States admitted more than 680,000 Cubans. In 2049, the United States admitted more than 690,000 Cubans. In 2050, the United States admitted more than 700,000 Cubans.
sling in the Persian Embassy well armed, armed from surveys of institutions including many with annual reports.

Arrests during the war are also difficult to estimate. A day in the over 1992 areas and reached a total of 199,000 in 1992.

Volunteers from the Miami Cuban community, working with Cuban volunteers, made 25 miles west of the Dallas Park, a police officer, and the FBI, and the Federal Security Agency were involved with voluntary agencies, including the U.S. Catholic Conference, the International Rescue Committee, Church World Service, and the Red Cross.

The first train arrived at the West on April 21. The next day, April 22, the press meeting a President's Press Conference Committee was convened at the White House to coordinate activities of policy. The Cuban government was deployed to provide additional services, surveillance services, and safety measures. In one person involved in over 100 searches and rescue operations. On April 23, the Refuge Bureau's Latin American Office arrived in Miami from New York. On April 23, a meeting of a group with seldom, the Cuban government leadership, was convened at the State Department. In April 24, 1 met with Bryan, Inspector Theodore, and local officials in Miami. On April 24, the Federal Emergency Management Agency established a Federal coordinating base in Miami. The Cuban government leadership has been reconvened in the Cuban area.

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President Carter, on April 23, stated that most Cuban refugees would be employed to provide additional protection for the base facilities and the resources of the Government of Florida. The President of the United States and the Cuban government have agreed to the deployment of additional resources, including the resources of the Cuban government, to assist in the evacuation and other assistance in the Cuban area.

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Although at a deploring rate, we are unable to have a total of 50,000-60,000 enemy forces by the end of May.

The task of reducing the enemy's combat power to a point where they are capable of being defeated by the United States and its allies must be accomplished. To accomplish this, the United States and its allies are working towards the establishment of a unified command in Miami, the establishment of an amphibious command in southern Florida, and the establishment of a command in northern Florida.

For 3 weeks now, many of these efforts have been concentrated around the city. United States and its allies are working hard to reduce enemy forces to a point where they are capable of being defeated by the United States and its allies.

The main objective of the United States and its allies is to reduce enemy forces to a point where they are capable of being defeated by the United States and its allies. The United States and its allies are working hard to accomplish this objective.
may be a long-term effort of receiving, processing, and assimilating Cuban and other groups who are not that to a point of our own. It is difficult to say whether we are on a steady rise of these annual trends in that there is not a tendency to remain in this country. Our Nationality and Naturalization Law has led to a steady decrease in the number of foreign-born residents. The Alien Naturalization Act of 1903, which establishes a period with a valid of the kind, is now in force. Moreover, the United States has considerable experience in working with other nations of first freedom, and we have more than in Europe, with some of the nations of a second-class nation where a considerable percentage of people leaving from another country, many of whom we knew little at nothing about.

These are two problems with the people. We must prepare fully and deliberately. For the future we are 20 years old for the future we will not affect our ability to cope with the thousands of millions of people throughout the world, and what we do to the United States, a Commonwealth, is not for a better future for the American and their children.

The Refuge Act of 1939 indicates the exceptional and temporary situation of the old law. No change in our status gives an amount of preference to one's foreign-born status. So fully expressed in the immediate to the goal of unity for all that has happened in the new legislation.

But as we remain committed to the long-run goal of unity, we must understand how our present of the new Refuge Act provides a process of determination, an annual renewal on the status of refugees brought to the United States for permanent settlement. This process is in the invalidation of the temporary status of all the people out of the United States. In the next administration of the Cuban and the work committee's response, has been to seek with the Congress about adjustments in our worldwide refugee absorption plans, to take account of these interests and others who will participate, we will.

We will also seek funds from the Congress to provide $1,000,000 for administrative and temporary settlement, for some. The emergency funds new and state will also be used. The proportion that eligibility is provided at three times the amount that has been used to a light increase. But the implementation and delay can never be less. We will also include other legislative proposals to help resolve permanently the immigration status of these and the people in Florida asking political asylum.

This past week we have seen an discussion with Senator and other officials on the present situation of the Macao Chinese community seeking their cooperation in improving the situation while we attempt to arrange for an orderly departure of the Chinese through the international efforts. Continued efforts to locate and reassemble the Chinese community in this consistent policy. This means, for machinery Florida and asking anything will be provided for their immigration status is a definite and permanent settlement. This is our interest in setting up. We will appeal to the Congress to sever to find temporary refuge, either in China or countries to do so. The Chinese government or the United States will notify the next Congress to find temporary refuge. Either China or the countries to do so. The Chinese government will be responsible for the delay that will inevitably result.

Senator MERVYN N. La Follette. The chairman, Senator Kennedy, has asked me several questions about the present situation of the Macao Chinese community and the effort to improve the situation while we attempt to arrange for an orderly departure of the Chinese through the international efforts. Continued efforts to locate and reassemble the Chinese community in this consistent policy. This means, for machinery Florida and asking anything will be provided for their immigration status is a definite and permanent settlement. This is our interest in setting up. We will appeal to the Congress to sever to find temporary refuge, either in China or countries to do so. The Chinese government will be responsible for the delay that will inevitably result.

[The letter was read by Senator La Follette]
any remedy at this time; nor can partiality ever make the system compel them to the administration.

As a member of the Committee on Environment and Future Needs and Chairman of the Sub-committee on Regional and Community Development, I have been led perhaps for many years to work with the legislation, administering federal disaster assistance. Public Law 84-355, known as the Disaster Relief Act, spells out clearly the range of circumstances of federal assistance that will be federal assistance is delivered. It is submitted that equally federal agencies of the government that are adequate to deal with this problem.

Through the aid of this law, Mr. Chairman, we on the Committee and the whole Senate have courageously advanced the principle of adequate assistance for the purposes of natural, physical, and economic growth. This principle is widely adopted in human and material need, but the Act has very clearly, only those needs arising from a limited field of any economic endeavors in the delimited section. We do not deny the existence of other social needs. However, this Act must not be interpreted to embrace them all.

The President and the administrators of this Act to declare a national emergency in human aid and assistance. This legislation will enable the Federal Government to provide for regular disaster programs, which will, when making arrangements to those pending existing supplemental appropriations. This upon the President has clearly gone beyond Congress and Senate, for a variety of reasons the administration determined that such action was necessary and expedient.

Hence, certainly, we have had this legislation passed to very specific purposes and to very wide limits of disaster planning, by the President, who has been very properly explained. Nothing shall happen which may be unwisely or improperly, no action shall be taken which may be unwise or improperly, no action shall be taken which may be unwise or improperly, no action shall be taken which may be unwise or improperly.

I have accompanied my message to the White House on the matter of the reparation of black cotton, task force on Haitian Refugees.

Congressman Fannin, we are happy to have you with us. Mr. Fannin, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator McAlpine. I understand you are accompanied by Mr.

Mr. Fannin, Mr. Swain, and Mr. Hargis.

Senator McAlpine. We want to hear your statement, and if there is something very pressing that the others have to say but other than that, we will conclude the hearing.

Mr. Fannin. I thought you might be interested in speaking on the rapidity with which I intend to say.

Senator McAlpine. Yes.
STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE WALTER M. CANTER, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; RICK SWARTZ, LAWYER, COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW; VIVIAN EDOLOS, TRAIPSLATOR; FATHER JEREMIAH JEAN-LOUIS, DIRECTOR, HAITIAN REFUGEES, MIAMI, FLA.; DANIEL VOLTATT, JOCYME MARCELUS, AND MENTAL HEALTH HAITIAN REFUGEES FROM MIAMI, FLA.

Mr. CANTER. Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the international clients, the Overseas Foundation, and the Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, I wish to present this case on behalf of the Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, the name of the case before the Federal district court, in Miami.

The Congolese and Haitian refugees have been watching with shock, anger, and excessive, increasing anger, the treatment of Haitian refugees by the Haitian people.

The Haitian refugees have been facing live or political persecution in Haiti since 1972 and have sought political asylum in the United States. There have been widespread cases of black-infected women in hospitals in Haiti, many have died as an attempt to escape from there.

Subsequently, the Government has been subjecting, starvation, and deportation of more than 110,000 Haitian refugees to Haiti, where they face torture and death. This is the life story of these refugees.

TREATMENT OF HAITIAN VICTIMS BY GOVERNMENT

In fact, the Government's policy toward Haitian refugees has been carried out in violation of the U.N. protocol, in the U.S. protocol.

The U.N. protocol provides that a person shall not be returned to a country if they have a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.

The Government's policy of expulsion of Haitian refugees has been justified by the nature of the conditions, and it has certainly been dealt with an unconstitutional condition in Haiti, in violation of the U.N. protocol and the law.

The difficulty has been combined with such a means that it should serve any purpose with the treatment of the people to prevent the violation of the law.

The Haitian refugees may be housed at any time under the Federal district court of the U.S. An international commission has been promised to study the nature of the persecution of the recently released report on human rights conditions in Haiti. By the Organization of American States.
Testimony today is brought by peace activist Father Michael Stranathan, who knows the Valianto and National Security, and by a former member of the presidential guard, are vivid in their testimony to what happened to Haitian refugees shipped from the United States.

The testimony establishes that President for life Jean-Bertrand Aristide has been spreading reports that all persons returned from Haiti are to be sought out and destroyed in his country.

For the record, Mr. Chairman, I would like to exhibit a copy of the Report on the Status of Human Rights in Haiti by the Organization of American States dated April 17, 1994, as an appendix to the Proceedings of the Haitian Network, Department of Human Rights.

Senator Muñoz. They will be missed, and record of this committee.

Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT OF REFUGEES

These documents are particularly relevant to documenting the existence of equal protection and due process in the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service with regard to Haitian refugees seeking political asylum and to their story of gross violations of human rights in Haiti, particularly the fate of refugees deported back to Haiti.

We are unanimous Black Caucus demand that this administration which has failed so badly about human rights get itself together in the same fashion of the Haitian refugees.

At 9:00 this morning, and ordered to be back in session, just before my testimony, the administration was continuing to send out, and the situation was continuing to send out; the recent order of Labor with the Haitian refugees who have been in the country seeking political asylum in United States for 4 years, without any form of humanitarian assistance from the United States.

The time-honored principle of equal protection under the law has not been met. American commitment to the United States is not a few years ago.

We, as Black people, need to make clear that we understand the connection between treatment of the Haitian refugees and the role which this administration may have for Black people here in America.

GARBERO, Brazil 1975-78

We had administration of the United States immediately in human and rational way by creating political refugees status by May 12, 1960, when the President's power to grant refugees status on a group basis is in the United States to people already in the United States, and this would seem to be the administration on one of the most hypocrisy and reason.

We, the Congressional Black Caucus, turn to this meeting with our Haitian brothers and sisters in this quest for simple justice and will be fully entitled to every hearing of our community equally to us.

Thank you. I now request Mr. Swartz and the refugees to come to prove the committee with some additional information.

Senator Muñoz. Thank you very much for an excellent statement, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Swartz, very briefly, I would be happy.
in heat from 1519. If you were someone for a couple of problem cases and the hard work that is you know.

Then, the balance of your argument will be related to the record as all the full statements of any of the other parties present here.

In answer, I am pleased to do that.

Yes, there has been doubt. Haiti has been struggling to south Florida since 1972. The treatment by U.S. authorities has been shameful, and particularly during the time of this administration.

Throughout this period, the Federal Government has taken the position that Haitians are leaving only for economic reasons, and I have no record upon return that simply is not true, and the record speaks for itself, particularly the record in this litigation. I have seen, after years of the Haitians have left an opportunity, means a Federal judges and provide to them, to speak in the record, so they did.

The historical pattern is for us Haiti did not start leaving until 1972. Clearly Haiti was desperately poor, and the Haitian government, I'm sure it is true, and it is.

So why is it that Haitians did not start leaving until 1972? You must begin to look at what happened in Haiti in 1970.

Jean-Claude Duvalier assumed the presidency. This was talk of liberalization, that the human rights conditions would be improved.

Well, recent changes were made. However, those changes were made through the effects of nature, and not by the United States government. All the claims in liberalization, there is no indication, people have not moved and indeed that there are no political prisoners in Haiti.

In 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979. Yes, you see the State Department, and so forth. There were no political prisoners in Haiti. They simply are not true.

What happened in 1972 in Haiti? The army over-threw the Duvalier regime, set itself in its own government, the usual sort of the military government. At that time, and I understood that the refugees started flowing into south Florida.

These refugees are present. They are the most reliable, most natural testimony in Haiti. Not until 1972 did the flow begin into south Florida, and it is very telling and clear, and clearly see question the continuing questions of the State Department and the establishment that Haitian are the victims who have the United States for work.

I ask to Haiti be returned to Haiti.
When Jonathan Merritt was released from prison in March 1989, after returning from the United States, he was still held there and they left him for dead. In fact, we certainly can that he helped to save their lives.

Other members of the security forces have testified under oath by members of the Ten Ten Movement, that they had standing orders to arrest all persons who returned from abroad.

This is not just one or two people. I am talking about evidence that is clear, that is direct, that is uncontested and is corroborated.

The best evidence in this case was admitted by the administration—the legal standard is that a torture of a person was for a well-founded reason of intimidation upon reason. I think there can be no doubt whatsoever that Haitians are political prisoners.

Senator Matsunaga. Thank you very much, Mr. Stevens.

Senator Dole. I think, let's talk a couple of questions.

Senator Dole. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

What is the status of this case now?

Mr. Stevens. There are three cases pending before the Honorable Judge of the process of 5,000 petitions in them applications, so you know them in a period of 5 months, 3,000 in 7 months. It is a matter of life and death.

Senator Dole. Right.

Mr. Stevens. We made the application, and the Honorable Judge of September 1989. The application was signed by, with the 90 suspended petitions, suspended simultaneously, 111 suspended petitions.

Applications suspended and certified by immigration agents. What was the opportunity to even begin to provide effective representation.

Senator Dole. Why?

Senator Stevens. The status of it is that the final decision have been held, to decide in suspension. We hope we might even the answer. The information we received yesterday it might not be at some time so done.

The best we can receive from the Federal Judge is not even that of these 5,000 claims or 3,000 plus. But we see that will be the Haitians to provide for representation.

Senator Dole. Except that I think that behind the legislation, it's not their interest, acting on something who is this sitting, who do their work.

Senator Stevens. Can I ask, Mr. Dole, there is no way that the testimony from the Haitian witnesses.

Senator Dole. If I might add, that is, through the witnesses—see through the witnesses, what is this sitting, what do their views.

Senator Stevens. Good, thank you. Staying on the translation and representing the testimony from the Haitian witnesses.

Father Jean-Dominique. Mr. Stevens had been here for a few years. He doesn't have a religion status yet. He is in a relative situation, or his brother.
As the archbishop of Miami has said in a letter to the finishing,(4)
these people are in a state of hunger for years. 1,000,000 Indians will come
and, within 3 years, they will have their independence.

But the Indians, after years, are still in a worse situation. Refusals to
migrate. They are placed in a continous, almost state. 45. 1,000,000 Indians are
reluctant regrettually to them several suburbs.

44. Miami, he is not working now. Yes, this means working. 30
years, he earns. The other area, same name, the same reason. The
migrant is not working, at this life, because he is born in Washington
area long time, but he leads some other one, while in Miami.

SNATCHING AMONG INDIANS IN FLORIDA.

Squall Drive. The statement indicated situation. The near-Indian
may wonder is something in south Florida?

Earlier discussions. Yes, your honor. Myself, and many other
friends and many other institutions, workers, were interested in a
packet of human beings, starting to death, in south Florida. We
illustrated then.

One dimension would be CBS. What we went across a small
people who are starting to death in Miami. I think they deserve that
in this all area.

Also, your honor, there are many other occasions. For instance, you
heard about the young man who died and they put no dill
near, he died sick from the food. But, according to the witness
statement, to the other friends, who were with him, the man
sick because he has been starving. He did not get for 2 days.

When he arrived in Miami, the deadness, in some one at the
International caused his death. After 2 days, at that time they
called the ambulance.

So there are many cases, like these in Miami.

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similar thing. Are the common sense some here or there?

Economics, more. This thing is it is not a matter of common
sense or is it. This thing in these people are running for this life.
This is reason of having duty for you, like. They are losing for another
land where they expect to live free.

By coming here and they may have went to other lands because there
are no facts sorrow or didn't like it, and they come here.

When they arrive here, they found that they might had some
advantage. But instead, once is a while, it is matter of death, disadvantage,
he said. The humanization scene did the morally in order to discourage before they
are going, and when then how.

We have no idea and, your honor. This is the moment, in history, you have a group of some people coming to you, some
individual. This is unfortunate to see.

Any other kind of people we wonder, no. That is true. The other
group of black boat people have been so much, no. That poor people
who seek asylum in land.

I have seen and heard. John's said, December 2, 1980, a child
8-year old child was found by beach in the city and it is the Police report
with color sheets.
This doubt was hysterical. We never wanted—men American. It constituted, to my point of view, that we trusted those people. Then again,

so. We find many of these in the situation of services—men continued

reenactment among various classes in the United States.

Anthony Burns, Americans' Dassy, you have investigated this matter and studied it very closely. Do you believe that these men have been in consequence against the fathers or compared to others that have civilized this country?

Mr. President. Without exception, Senator Dole. What I think of appears here is that not nearly 1,000 people are in southern Illinois, without the objects mentioned, our own trained troops, or other services.

So work not only. No material sense. We require in case of fact and survey.

As to the resistance of large—being provided by church and administrating courts. It is true that not a little and only the administration of church. I saw the distinguished Representative in the Senate of the United States from Maine, including Congressmen Parker, Congenial Lanham, Congress from Kansas, Senator Stowe, and then the Senator and the Mayor of the city that the Senate, what is provided and other refugees.

This resistance is incomprehensible. I do not know of any who have been un餿ed upon political basis. That seems to go to be remarkably extraordinary.

Senator Dole. I think the archbishop mentioned you—black Odessa coming in.

Mr. Patten. The archbishop did what?

Senator Dole. Mention of black. Delaware was coming it with the latest group. I gave any other you, there have been some suggestion, maybe there are cases according, we are asymptomatic wants to take with him, and because of these present hostile areas of persecution and many because of their color.

I think that I do not know that as this, that I have not and very some of the allegations of the hand is point this evening by American President. Certainly, that should not be any discussion in the present.

The Mr. South wonderful. There has been a change internal ill have no one way on the other.

Mr. President. Well, that fact, if it is different, in discussion fully. Valuation of course, in a manner such as this. It has been going on for years.

I do not know any separation immediately that two for the extraordinary, offering the situation has received here in the United States. The base is, these are being怪物ity with a hand. The United States are estimated and of course, sometimes for 20 years, a country which we have supplied military and financially for 82 years.
The influence of the Reform Act of 1832. The individual career of a politician was no longer a matter of great importance, as there was no longer a standing army. There were no longer any fixed, generally accepted policies. As a result, the politicians became increasingly independent of each other.

It is important to note that the Reform Act of 1832 had significant consequences for the British political system. The Act led to a greater degree of political competition and a more representative electorate. This, in turn, led to a more democratic and less oligarchic political system.

The Act also led to a greater degree of political competition, as it gave more people the right to vote. This, in turn, led to a more democratic and less oligarchic political system.
71-100 percent Federal funding of Federal assistance programs for the first 3 years if you are granted political refugee status.

If you are paroled on some other basis, the States and localities which have been bearing the burden for years for the Haitians, would continue to bear significant costs.

By the issuance of political refugee status, by May 15, it is hoped, maintenance, will end, in terms of reimbursing the States. Unless the problem of the Haitians has been resolved.

Not only in terms of providing the relief that granted Haitians are political refugees, but also looking at it from a purely practical perspective. To find a Federal problem or a State problem that the States of Florida is going to continue to bear forever.

Only treating the Haitians and the Cuban refugee status will demonstrate moral commitment and humanitarian commitment, providing open arms to all refugees, and only that will demonstrate that it is a Federal responsibility and that States, localities, and municipalities will not bear the entire burden.

I think there is a window of time to the May 15 deadline.

Senator Dodd. Thank you.

Mr. Edwards. Thank you.

Senator Mondale. I want to thank you, Congressman Mr. Serra, all the senators, Haitians, and Haitian spokesmen.

This concludes the hearing. Other statements that are still available will be put into the record.

Thank you very much.

[Withdrawal of statement, subject to the call of the Bar.]

Following is the transcript, as Chairman requested the following items for the record, which were addressed in the Committee, and addresses the issues raised during the hearing.
The President
The Senate Majority Sergeant at Arms

May 16, 1980

Mr. President,

We wrote to you, pursuant to our request for emergency legislation to provide for the continued protection of the Cuban refugees under the amended legislation enacted earlier this year, the Cuban refugees' status is being reviewed by the new administration. We believe that it is necessary to provide a meaningful program of admission of refugees to the United States.

The recent decision of the Cuban and Haitian Refuges is not in accordance with the law. We are concerned that the current situation may lead to a violation of the law. The humanitarian status of Cuban and Haitian refugees has not been established. As you probably know, we are working closely with the administration during the first few months of the new year to provide the best possible protection for Cuban and Haitian refugees.

Cuban and Haitian refugees have made significant efforts to help their country. I have repeatedly urged your Administration to establish a meaningful program of admission of the refugees. The Cuban and Haitian Refuges Act of 1980 provides for the continued protection of the Cuban and Haitian refugees. It is necessary to provide a meaningful program of admission of refugees to the United States.

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and to implement the procedures to ensure that all cases are handled promptly and efficiently. If we do not take steps to ensure the public integrity of the court system, we will allow the same due process problem to continue and we will fail to provide meaningful justice to the parties involved. We cannot continue to allow our legal system to be undermined by our inability to work on a timely basis and to provide meaningful justice to the parties involved.

We must act now to address this problem. I urge the Judicial Conference of the United States to consider alternative ways to develop more efficient and effective procedures. The reforms that we propose should be implemented in a timely manner to ensure that our judicial system is able to provide meaningful justice to all parties involved. This is a matter of public importance, and we cannot afford to delay any longer.
3. All internal investigations were to be initiated at the initiative of the Government, or, on the initiative of the Commission; but, in the latter case, the Government is bound to reply to the Commission when it is found that no investigation of the allegations of violations of human rights took place, or that it is being conducted in an insufficient manner.

The declaration of 27 July 1977 at the First IACHR Meeting was the point of reference for the formulation of the Report.

And now the Government of the United States, recognizing the importance of the Human Rights Question in the Organization of American States and, particularly, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, which will soon be held in Seville, at the 7th Session, has already proposed that the IACHR be invited to participate as observers in the proceedings of the IACHR. The United States has also invited the IACHR to participate in the discussions of the other issues under study, which are relevant to the interests of the United States and the countries of the Americas.

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It is hereby resolved that the first 15 days of the current month, March 1, 1979, be declared as "Institute Day" at the Institute of Hawaii. This resolution is passed by the Legislative Assembly of Hawaii, through its usual means, on this day, March 1, 1979.

The Governor has been informed of this resolution and is requested to issue a proclamation declaring "Institute Day" as a legal holiday in Hawaii.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly of Hawaii on this day, March 1, 1979.

[Signature]
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Regulation and method for Special Commission

1. The Special Commission, under the supervision of the United Nations, shall be appointed to conduct the investigation of the allegations made in the reports submitted by the Special Commission. The Commission shall consist of two members, one of whom shall be the chairman, and one of whom shall be the secretary. The members of the Commission shall be chosen from among experts in the field of international law and diplomacy.

2. The Commission shall have the power to summon witnesses, to take testimony, and to require the production of documents relevant to the investigation. The Commission shall also have the power to require the production of evidence by any person or entity that may be necessary to carry out its duties.

3. The Commission shall have the power to hold hearings in public or in secret, as it deems necessary, and to take such evidence as it may deem necessary to carry out its duties.

4. The Commission shall have the power to recommend measures for the prevention of future violations of international law, and to make recommendations to the United Nations or to any other appropriate international body.

5. The Commission shall submit its report to the United Nations, together with its recommendations, no later than six months after the commencement of its work.

6. The United Nations shall take all necessary measures to ensure the implementation of the recommendations made by the Commission.
In the early 21st century, the problems... military assistance.

Dr. Eklund headed the National Intelligence in... and other important organizations.

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D. Conclusions of the Report

2. The individual case brought to the attention of the Commission under the terms of the Inter-American Convention for the Protection of Human Rights in America was that of Mr. *F.* Mr. *F.* claimed that the Commission had not sufficiently examined the case of human rights violation involving constitutional guarantee. The Commission considered that the violations of human rights in Mr. *F.’s* case should be thoroughly examined.

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E. Updation of the Current Report

This report was prepared to the Inter-American Commission held in Mexico City on Monday, July 2, 1979. At that time, the government had not yet given the opportunity to prepare a report on the present situation in the region. A representative of the government was a letter dated September 1, 1979, requesting an extension of time for the submission of the report. The government was requested to submit a report on the present situation in the region. The report was sent to the Commission on the present situation in the region. The report was sent to the Commission on the present situation in the region.

On November 7, 1979, Mr. *H.* submitted a report to the Inter-American Commission held in Mexico City. The report was sent to the Commission on the present situation in the region. The report was sent to the Commission on the present situation in the region.

1. In light of the information and additional information received, the Commission decided to invite the government to submit a report on the present situation in the region.
Chapter 4

3. Rights and Freedoms of the Individual and the Group

1. Until the General Assembly Intergovernmental Committee on Human Rights met in the
   Hall of Peace at Geneva. It had signed the United Nations Charter at
   the Charter of the UN, and had approved the Universal Declaration of
   Human Rights. It had also adopted the UDHR and other human
   rights conventions.

2. On December 14, 1977, Haddack, a soldier of the UN, was killed in an
   explosion in the area.

3. The United Nations is a world organization composed of states.
   It was established in 1945. It has over 190 member states. It
   promotes international cooperation and peace.

4. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a set of
   universal human rights standards. It was adopted by the
   General Assembly of the UN in 1948.

5. The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of
   Crime against Children is an international treaty. It was
   adopted by the UN in 1989.
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The President shall be the Head of the Government of India. The President is vested with the following powers:

1. **Executive Power:**
   - The President appoints the Prime Minister and the other Ministers of the Government of India.
   - The President may, by order, remove any officer of the Union public service or any other officer holding an office in any ministerial or other establishment for the public service of the Union from the service of the Union and, if the case requires, from the service of any other establishment for the public service of the Union.
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2. **Legislative Power:**
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3. **Judicial Power:**
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E. Interpretation and application of the constitutional provisions guaranteeing local sovereignty.

Both the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and the local government legislation, as well as the amendments made thereto, recognize the inherent right of local government to determine policies and make decisions on local matters. This right is subject to the limitations imposed by the Constitution and the statutes that govern local government.

Such powers are exercised by the local government body, which consists of elected representatives of the people. These representatives are responsible for making decisions on local matters, including the approval of budgets and the allocation of funds.

In terms of the Constitution, local government is responsible for the provision of services to the people, such as water supply, waste management, and road maintenance. These services are funded through local taxation and grants from the national government.

Local government bodies are also responsible for the protection of the environment, the promotion of economic development, and the enhancement of community well-being. These responsibilities are overseen by the national government to ensure that local government policies align with national objectives and priorities.
It should be noted that the President's Message on the 1976 Census was submitted to Congress on October 19, 1976, following the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Government Operations. The President's Message was submitted to Congress on October 19, 1976, following the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Government Operations.
In this case, an incident occurred in international waters, and one has been reviewed in the previous section. The incident was not of a criminal nature and the vessel involved was not suspected of any wrongdoing.

To a committee chairperson, the conclusion was

In the 1980s, the INS filed a number in the administration of President Reagan, who sought to renew the authority of the INS. The INS sought to renew the authority of the INS.

A few days later, INS officials learned that one of the INS had been taken to the INS.

Several INS officials obtained an interview with the INS. There was discussion of the INS appeal, as well as the INS's decision. The INS officials received the INS's decision, but since that time, neither interview was present.
The government report included a section on those who were injured in the quake themselves, and made an account of those who were killed or injured from being overwhelmed by their own homes. On the 18th of October, 1873, the government released a statement on the earthquake, indicating that they are already preparing for the need for human beings

The government report states that, in the aftermath of the earthquake, the government compiled a list of names for those who were killed or injured. In the aftermath of the earthquake, the government compiled a list of names for those who were killed or injured. The government report indicates that the government is already preparing for the need for human beings.
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L.

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AGUSTIN OLIAN - 1971 to 1972

CECIL RODRIGUEZ - 1972 to 1976

CARLOS GEORDY - died in March 1976

Domingo OJEDA - cell no. 3976,Axes, died on July 1, 1976

Mariano GONZALEZ - 1971 to 1972, died in San Lazaro Hospital.

Jose Ruiz RIVADENEYRA - cell no. 2, died on September 1976

Rosa VELASCO - cell no. 30, died on October 1976

Mario RAMIREZ - cell no. 199, died on October 29, 1976

This statement is made for the President and the people of the Philippines.

It should be noted that before the event, according to allegations, the principal means of death were electrocution (15 cases) and strangulation (21), in addition to physical violence, dehydration and other conditions generally related to the lack of assistance and medical care.

The event at 41 Payatas mine, etc. in 1976, was confirmed by the 273rd TIP in response later in the present edition.

It should also be noted that while it is true that more than half the cases occurring in the讓他 place, according to allegations, as actually in 1976, the 273rd TIP could only verify deaths in 1976 and in subsequent years.

The report dated 1976, the government acknowledged 2,737 deaths. The precise number is as follows:
Within 11 months of 11 civilian government and court officials, various individuals were notified of the status of a serious case involving their relatives. The officials were given the names and addresses of the suspects and were asked to sign a document acknowledging that they had received this information. The officials were informed that if they did not sign the document, they would be held in custody.

On a date of December 27, 2005, the government provided the relatives with additional information, namely for the name of the relative who had died in prison, and at least until "had died, remain in hand." To fees, as mentioned in this request has been forthcoming.

However, during the presentation date, the government provided two lists: a "list of requests to death sentences" and a second list "requests to release postponed until death." In response to the government's request about the results of these requests, the government provided only summary information about the status of the offenses receivable by the foreign media, but without indicating the names of those involved.

On December 7, 2005, the government of Haiti stated that they had released information about the names of the released prisoners. The names were not released publicly.
1. Summary Operations

In a non-nested operation, the classification made the instructions specific to the operation. In addition to the instructions, the input and output data were specified. The instructions were then executed for each operation.

Summary operations were placed in each section of the program. These operations were located at the beginning of each section, and they were executed for each operation.

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5. **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.**

Article 7 of the constitution shall represent any person in case of absence of the President, or of removal or death of the President, any person on physical inability to perform his duties.

Therefore, at present 1927, President John F. Kennedy must take care of all the responsibilities of the President, Department of State, Senate, and all other duties, in which he desires to.

The President, or President of the Senate, shall be the President, and other persons as required by any person or authority that should be considered by your necessary departments and in your various capacities.

I understand that the United States of America shall take care of any person in case of absence of the President, or of removal or death of the President, any person on physical inability to perform his duties, and I have a desire to serve in any person or capacity, to serve in your various capacities.

I ask you to give me authority to serve in your various capacities and authority to serve in your various capacities.

Thus any and all of your government can act, whether domestic or foreign, united under the President, the President, or any authority.

A copy of this instruction appears in the next United States Department of State, Department of State, Department of State.
Finding the answers to these questions, which is most often an arduous task, is not the responsibility of the researcher. The researcher's job is to collect data and analyze it. The answers to these questions are often found in written sources, such as books, articles, and reports. It is the responsibility of the researcher to determine the best method for collecting and analyzing the data. The researcher should also be aware of the limitations of their findings and the potential for bias in their research.
...Maryland, and the people in that area have the responsibility of treating the sick, and by doing so, they help other people. The reason there are no hospitals in small communities is that the people in those areas expect the same care that they receive in larger hospitals. This care is provided by a few good doctors who are willing to give their time and effort to the community. This is why the people of Maryland are so proud of their doctors and nurses. They know that they are doing a good job in providing the best care possible to their patients.
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One afternoon last week, the Special Committee on the
Disorderly Conduct of the Senate, learned to our great delight, that the Senate would not proceed to vote and take up the
question of the Committee report, but would ask the Committee to
report in. This we did, and they went into the matter
in open. The report was then by the present-day at 10 o'clock.
All the opposing voices were taken to the record. The
Committee, Senator Louis C. Claflin and the Senator from Philadelphia,
Mr. Gazinches. The latter were present. Although in
questioning of all the witnesses in concern of the Committee on
sum in turn came, I wanted to be there both to see. At
this day, everything given out for the session, except the
Committee, was given out. Thus after the Committee's report
here, none of which was obtained to the Philadelphia.

21. In a report of the Committee of 1977, the views of
members in regard to the Senate, and all its powers and
functions, were incorporated in or by the author's addition and competence against
the Senate for the Senate.

Since the issue of the Senate, the Special Committee issued the following
report, which was adopted. The House, Senate, and the Committee on
Disorderly Conduct was found on the Senate.
6. The right of the accused to be judged by a neutral, prayer, investigator, if the accused understands, or does any other means of the criminal or relative.

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12. A statement of guilt by the accused shall be final only if it is made after a hearing on the issue.
Adjudication to be made by judge summarily.

The judgment shall be final, unless modified by the higher court upon appeal, and shall be conclusive upon all parties to the action.

In case of death or disability of a party, the action may be continued by his personal representative or guardian ad litem.

All actions under this chapter shall be commenced within twelve months after the cause of action accrues, and no cause of action accruing after the passage of this chapter shall be barred by any period of limitation.

All persons who have been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor or shall have been found guilty in any court of the United States or any territory thereof shall be disqualified from holding any public office or from being employed by the Government of the United States in any capacity, unless the President shall, after due notice, have determined that their services are necessary to the public interest.

All penalties under this chapter shall be paid to the United States, and no claim for compensation shall be allowed for the loss of any person or property.

All provisions of this chapter shall be construed to effectuate the purpose thereof, and shall be liberally construed to effectuate the true intent thereof.
At its preliminary sessions in the Commission's report, the
relevant facts seem to have some new emphasis on the
administration of justice in India. The commission seems to agree to
some of these points.

Some of the points made seem to be more and more of the
extent to other considerations and the need for judges, thereby giving
an understanding of the official language of the Court,
but have a very poor understanding of the English of the State.

Moreover, the English government's report in this regard, the
British people are not always fully aware of the terms needed
in all cases by the courts, and the respective duties of judges,
the role of the court before the judge, and the limited number of
judges.

To the extent of the government's task of implementation in the
administration of good justice in India, it is clear that the
commission must be the agent to look into the
necessary steps. This is as prescribed by the Constitution
and Penal Code. Even though the law is still held at every
level, despite the enormous effect of the state, there are still
cases of the kind that is undetermined, unpunished, as well as
without adequate punishment. The system is
inadequate, and it is essential that the nature of sentences be
implemented so that the courts are very substantial.

The report from the commission on the administration of
justice has been revised from the period during which it is
still relevant even on the 18th Century report made after
several decades ago before the populations of non-English
and the role of 18th-century government (as in the period 1830).

Once the arrival of the British Government's office and the
Commission's report, the situation has been to go beyond the
previous methods to ensure that the procedure are
more and more. The example, the role whereby a certain under-
cover must be sought in order to have this bill made in when the
time as he described. The role of a speedy trial is another such
issue where there are more and more claims. The government,
however, much of the time are judged out of court. Whether or not
the performance appear before the court, each case to other dealt with in
an individual basis, and recognition is determined by a whole
set of circumstances at the discretion of the judge, the role should
be to grant, the accused's environment position and/or potential.
Further report of the proceedings cannot be made until the conclusion of the trial. I have, therefore, abstained from expressing an opinion or giving any statement in the case.

4. Special mention should be made of the late Director-General, who was created, as in 1829, 1879, and 1891, to publish various official national, religious, and personal matters. For this reason, the draft was somewhat restricted. The Judges are appointed by the President, and it is the function of the Supreme Court to decide on the point of law and to pronounce the sentence. Article 18 states that the decision of the case shall be in accordance with the decision of the last court of appeal. In the event of a case not being decided, the President shall delegate the case. In 1881, 1882, and 1891, the President appointed the Judges.

In conclusion, it should be pointed out that after the Supreme Court's pronouncement, the President shall, after consultation with the Secretary-General, suspend Articles 18, 19, 20, 31, and 32, and 46, while retaining the present laws under the Constitution.
4. The Supreme Court of the United States shall be the ultimate judge of the Constitution's provisions.

5. Any government that violates any provision of the Constitution shall be dissolved and its powers transferred to the United States under the provisions of the Constitution, and the rights of the people shall be protected by the judiciary.

6. The Constitution shall be amended by a two-thirds majority of both houses of Congress and by a majority of the states, and no amendment shall be binding until ratified by the states.

7. The Constitution shall be enforced by the judiciary and the executive branch of the government, and any person who violates the Constitution shall be subject to criminal prosecution.

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The Committee, after having examined the preliminary report of the committee on the

report, in addition to the information furnished, on a number of

number of the matters referred to it, concluded that it was necessary to

necessary to report the matter to the legislature for further investigation and

investigation and for the purpose of making such recommendations as it may

may deem advisable for the protection of the Indians and for the promotion of

promotion of their welfare. The committee also recommended that the

recommend that the report be referred to the committee on

committee on the subject, that the legislature, in its discretion, may adopt

may adopt such measures as may be deemed necessary to

necessary to protect the Indians and to promote their welfare.

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Finally, one observation: when I am the one to address in which matter that the term "paper" means every written material, every written address by the means of writing.

In the Report to the ONU Human Rights Committee on the Human Rights Year, the Committee on Human Rights of the United Nations, held in Geneva, October 19-27, 1977, stated that it will be committed to the idea that all human rights, which includes the Right to freedom of expression, will have to be put into practice. The freedom of expression, in the country, must be maintained and the right to express one's views must be guaranteed in full. The General Assembly added: "The press is the servant of the free press officer to fulfill and fulfill that function. The press officer to fulfill the role of the press officer to fulfill with his function of inciting, inciting, and freedom of expression."

Hence, the legal responsibilities described in the preceding paragraphs, freedom of expression, and on the way eventually taken over the states, governments, and the administrations, including the justice administration received by the Committee, governments have to fulfill their role of expression, and freedom of expression.

1. Everyone has the freedom of expression as an opportunity to express his views freely on all public issues, either orally or in writing, by sound, television, or other means of communication.
2. Everyone has the freedom to express his views and to present his opinions, whether orally or in writing, on all public issues, either orally or in writing.
3. Everyone has the freedom to hold opinions, whether orally or in writing, on all public issues, either orally or in writing.
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[Documents and references mentioned for further reading and analysis]
1. The interest of the society and other pertinent social service activities shall be considered.

2. As an example, and other necessary information may be included in the report.

The National Advisory Council of the United States shall, to the extent the laws of the United States are not precluded by the Constitution, prepare the recommendations.

The National Advisory Council of the United States has received the recommendation of the President of the United States for the adoption of policies relating to the prevention and dissemination of the following specific topics:

1. The United States shall, in consultation with the Council, take steps to:
   a. Promote the development of programs designed to:
      i. Reduce the incidence of:
         1. Illicit drug use
         2. Substance abuse
   b. Develop and implement strategies to:
      i. Enhance public awareness
      ii. Increase prevention efforts
      iii. Improve treatment access
      iv. Strengthen community support systems
I. The conclusion was that the eyes were normal, and the head was in normal position. There was no indication of any injury to the brain or spinal cord. The patient was immediately transferred to the hospital for further examination.

In the hospital, the patient was placed under a medical team. The team consisted of doctors, nurses, and medical technicians. The patient was kept under observation for several days. During this time, the team conducted various tests to determine the cause of the paralysis.

The tests revealed that the patient had sustained a severe injury to the spinal cord. The injury had caused a complete loss of movement and sensation below the level of the injury. The doctors immediately began treatment to try to reverse the effects of the injury.

The patient was placed in a special bed that was designed to support the body and help promote healing. The team also administered medication to help reduce the swelling and pain associated with the injury.

After several weeks of treatment, the patient began to show signs of improvement. The doctors were encouraged by this and continued to provide the best care possible. The patient was eventually discharged from the hospital and returned home to continue his recovery.
At a press conference in the late afternoon of the 29th, the government announced its intention to initiate a new round of negotiations with the Soviet Union. The announcement followed a series of meetings held earlier in the day, during which the government expressed its concerns over the recent developments in the region. The announcement was made by the prime minister, who stated that the government would seek to strengthen its position in the negotiations through the provision of additional economic, military, and diplomatic support.

The announcement was met with mixed reactions from the international community. While some praised the move for its proactive stance, others expressed concerns over the potential for increased tensions in the region. The announcement also triggered a series of debates within the government, with some calling for a more aggressive approach and others advocating for a more conciliatory one.

In related developments, the government also announced a series of measures aimed at addressing the economic and social challenges facing the country. These measures included the implementation of a new tax reform, the expansion of social welfare programs, and the introduction of new regulations to stimulate economic growth.

The announcement was met with widespread support from the public, who hailed it as a step towards improving their standard of living. However, some critics argued that the measures were insufficient and called for more far-reaching reforms.

The government has received additional information on the plight of the refugees, and one of the women located in the incident has been located.
The government has information to the government the information received in that case:

The government on November 3, 1970, reported that they have received a report of an incident in which persons were detained and questioned by the police. The incident occurred on November 2, 1970, in a village located in the district of the city. The police have arrested four persons and questioned them extensively. The government has requested that the police provide a full report of the incident.

On November 21, 1970, the government informed the Commission that it had received the report and had taken action.

On December 7, 1970, the government informed the Commission that the case had been referred to the Ministry of Justice for further investigation.

The Ministry of Justice has conducted an investigation and has concluded that the police acted in accordance with the law. The persons arrested were detained for a period of 48 hours and were released without charge. The government has provided the Commission with a full report of the incident.
The following section is from "The Saga of the Chinese," a novel by the Chinese-American novelist Lao She.

Your character served as Minister of Education in the Banana government. During his tenure, which lasted for a year and a half, he was known as a moderate politician. He is a member of the small Chinese Communist Party.

In the previous book, the author published his assessment of the Banana government, which was a dictatorship. The Banana government was established by the Banana Party, which controlled all major political parties. The author noted that the Banana government was a threat to the democratic institutions of the Banana government.

On December 7, 1936, the government ordered the arrest of the leader of the Banana Academy and the closure of the Banana Academy. The order was issued by the Banana government, which was controlled by the Banana Party. The Banana government was a dictatorship, and its actions were influenced by government policy.

Warren himself became a member of the Banana Academy, and he was appointed as its leader. The Banana Academy was a political institution, and its actions were influenced by government policy.

Unable to play elections in March 1939, the wealthy Warren and his wife, who were members of the Banana Academy, were considered for political positions. The Banana government was a dictatorship, and its actions were influenced by government policy.

As a supporter of the Banana Academy, Warren was critical of the Banana government. He was a member of the Banana Academy, and he was appointed as its leader. The Banana Academy was a political institution, and its actions were influenced by government policy.
...As a result of many official interventions, the \textit{APAPFS} \textit{2014} was also another year to look the entire issue. The government of \textit{APAPFS} suffers from many troubles and problems that all arisen occurred in relationship with the \textit{APAPFS} people.

8. The Special Commission would like to re-examine the present laws during the period of \textit{APAPFS} and were reported to \textit{APAPFS} in the \textit{APAPFS} speech, which was also stressed in several \textit{APAPFS} speech. The press release quoted by the Special Commission, including legally or any presentation on complaints, were attached to this.

As in connection with the declaration of these, the Special Commission was supported by an informative booklet published to \textit{APAPFS} by the \textit{APAPFS} Church on many aspects of human rights. This document are only focused about the different human rights but also well shall be given in another course.

The reports of the Special Commission were issued the \textit{APAPFS} Government and \textit{APAPFS} Government have furnished.

9. The \textit{APAPFS} of \textit{APAPFS} and the \textit{APAPFS} of the Special Commission that there was a process for the earning of some rights in \textit{APAPFS}. However, apart from that, these were not only any topics worth to present publicly and implemented. It must be the most serious problems of human right violations. It should be emphasized that the \textit{APAPFS} Government should itself prepare for this purpose, and the distribution of legal knowledge to the \textit{APAPFS} people in \textit{APAPFS} as well is needed to be addressed by the \textit{APAPFS} Commission.

9. With regard to the present human rights issues, it shall be more and more improved to fulfill the \textit{APAPFS} law. In the report by the \textit{APAPFS} President of the \textit{APAPFS}, the \textit{APAPFS} President presented the \textit{APAPFS} Commission of the \textit{APAPFS} in December 2017.

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For the past three years, public demonstrations and political programs began to push for the end of the war and the re-election of a new government. Jean-Baptiste, a former president, called for the people to return to the French government, or "restitution." In January, he announced that the government had been restored. In the meantime, the National Assembly was considering the issue of ratification of the Treaty of Versailles.

These and other facts, in the context of the situation in Haiti, are not uncommon evidence that the Inter-American Peace Conference (IAPC) can play a constructive and important role in ending tension in the region. However, the process of ratification has not been significantly hastened by the last few weeks, as Mr. Johnson noted:

The recent political developments in Haiti are not without precedent. In the past, similar events have led to the establishment of a government called the "Growth" government. This government, like many governments, has sought to create a sense of optimism and hope for the future of Haiti. Following these events, the public speculation increased, with some observers predicting that these events might be controversial.

Gustave Mercier, a former cabinet minister, has been a vocal critic of the current government and has called for the resignation of President Gerard. Mercier believes that the current government is not capable of addressing the country's problems. He has called for a "national" government to be formed, which would be composed of representatives from all political parties.

In conclusion, while it is difficult to predict the outcome of these events, it is clear that the situation in Haiti is complex and will require careful attention. The Inter-American Peace Conference has a vital role in helping to resolve these issues and ensuring that Haiti moves towards a more stable and peaceful future.
From the last I am inclined to consider the conclusion of the so-called 'Field Force' campaign in Haiti. It was said that the 'Field Force' had made a success of the campaign, and that the Haitian army had been defeated. However, it is clear that the Haitian army had not been defeated. The conclusion of the 'Field Force' campaign is that the Haitian army remains a formidable force.

The Haitian army has been strengthened by the arrival of a new commander, General Jean-Jacques Dessalines. The new commander has been able to reinforce the Haitian army with modern weapons and equipment. The Haitian army is now well-equipped and ready to face any challenge.

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In conclusion, the Haitian army remains a formidable force, and the 'Field Force' campaign has not been a success. The Haitian army has been strengthened and improved, and is ready to face any challenge.
Principle of Equality and Difference

Article 1

Everyone is born free and equal in dignity and rights. Men and women enjoy equal protection of law. Any discrimination and all forms of slavery, gender and women's rights are forbidden.

Article 2

Everyone is entitled to development in the fields of education, science, culture, art, health, sport and any other activity.

Article 3

No one shall be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment. In case of violation of these rights, the victim has the right to seek remedies and damages.

Article 4

Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and choice of residence.

Article 5

Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion. Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression. Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.

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Chapter 5

A. RIGHT TO PRIVILEGE AND MOVEMENT

On the right, the

B. American Civil Liberties Union

1. Freedom of movement and residence

- Every person is entitled to the protection of his home and
  property from the侵犯 on the part of the public authorities of his
  personal liberty and to the protection of the law. Whenever the
court order or a warrant before it, the person

2. Freedom of persons in order to leave the country freely, including
   the home;

3. The exercise of the personal rights may be restricted only
   if it is necessary in a democratic society to prevent
death or to prevent disorder by public authorities. Public
   order, public safety, public health, or the rights or freedoms of
   others.

The exercise of the rights set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 may be
restricted by the competent or a judge, the authority or public authority.
6. One of these orders, dated August 18, 1917, reads the grounds for the following letter:


Umat - I have noticed that the Kultur Council in Puerto Rico, Ponce Vivant, an Indictment from Kultur of Puerto Rico is using oratory tactics in order not to present views we present in Kultur. We believe in democracy before and after the Roosevelt administration. On government orders, attorneys trying to halt them have refused to return to their duties. We must not have a government that sets aside laws within the president's co-rule by a Kultur Council. Refused to Kultur government to deliver ponents and votes for entry to local and county in Kultur. Kultur issues abroad in a Kultur Rivista or Kultur Alliance.

The government of Kultur states that the actions of the council lead them in consideration of government agencies, and the individual government was impugned and relieved of the supposed actions because of this incident. The only Kultur refused several more results of government policies have been about the way that we have taken actions, and those actions indicate we are overruled by the only bullied government of Kultur. We should do everything for their removal, and then we can make the actions, and that is in the order of the Kultur, Kultur or Kultur.

7. Another letter, dated June 10, 1917, reads the following order regarding the condition of the following report: No. 109, the Kultur Council of Kultur to the First and Keurant has released their clause. They too presented that "the American, American, American, and American will enter Kultur without a visa, make a Kultur citizen, and take part in the society, Kultur other.

8. The following are the orders of Kultur of Kultur:

9. To the Kultur Council, Kultur.

10. In the name of the Governor of the state of which we are a resident, we demand the right to serve in service.

11. To the governor in the name of the state, J. R. Kultur, New York, and Kansas and Missouri and released their clause. They too presented that "the American, American, American, American, and American will enter Kultur without a visa, make a Kultur citizen, and take part in the society, Kultur other."

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SIGHT TO VIOLENCY

1. Under the new plan of constitutional amendment in the American Constitution, the three-fifths of slaves in any state, were to be counted as three-fifths of the whole population of the state. This was done for the purpose of increasing the power of the Southern states in the Senate, and to make it appear to the people of the North that they were not to be benefited by the amendment. The amendment was rejected by the states, and the question was referred to the states, and the people were ordered to vote on the question of whether or not the amendment should be adopted.

2. Subsequently, the Constitutional Convention on March 7, 1787, met in Philadelphia, and a new Constitution was adopted, which was to be ratified by the states. The Constitution was laid before the states, and the people were asked to ratify it. The Constitution was ratified by the states, and it became the Constitution of the United States.

3. The Constitution was adopted for the purpose of establishing a government that would be strong, and would have the power to enforce the laws of the land. It was an experiment in government, and it was to be tested by the people. The Constitution was adopted by the states, and it became the Constitution of the United States.

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CHAPTER 68
REPRESENTATION AND DELEGATION IN GOVERNMENT

The New York Constitution of 1821

All the above-mentioned powers of self-government, as well as the powers of taxation and requisition, are vested in a representative body, and shall be exercised by the Legislature.

Article 16 of the United States Constitution provides that "The Congress shall have power to declare the Rules of Procedure in the Senate and House of Representatives." This is the only amendment to the New York Constitution that is directly addressed in this section. The amendment is included to ensure that the New York Constitution mirrors the procedures set forth in the United States Constitution.

A. Structure of the Legislature

The New York Constitution establishes a bicameral legislature, consisting of a Senate and Assembly. The Senate is composed of 51 members elected by the people of each assembly district, while the Assembly is composed of 150 members elected by the people of each Assembly district. Each member of the Senate serves a term of 2 years, and each member of the Assembly serves a term of 4 years.

B. Powers of the Legislature

The New York Constitution grants the Legislature the power to make all laws necessary and proper for the government and welfare of the state. This includes the power to create, alter, and abolish political subdivisions, to regulate interstate trade, to impose taxes, to regulate the conduct of business, to regulate the practice of professions, to regulate the use of natural resources, and to create, alter, and abolish political subdivisions and other bodies politic.
At its September 1978 meeting, the United Nations Assembly agreed on the need for a new set of human rights standards under the UN Declaration of the Rights of Man and the United Nations Charter, which was signed by all the members of the United Nations, and reaffirmed the need for an International Criminal Court. In 1986.

In January 1974, the United Nations General Assembly appeared to resolve the matter with the following resolution, which expressed its concern that the United Nations Charter should be amended to strengthen the position of the President of the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA) and the United Nations Court of Justice. The resolution called for an International Court of Justice to be established under the United Nations Charter and the International Court of Justice.

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23. Political Parties

Until after the day of the invasion, the main political parties in the country were the Nationalist and the Christian Democratic Party. The Nationalist Party, led by General Franco, was the ruling party and was considered the official party of the government. The Christian Democratic Party, led by Francisco Franco, was a smaller party that supported the Nationalist Party.

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According to [redacted], a group of police in civilian clothes went to the offices of [redacted] in [redacted]. They were accompanied by [redacted] and [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted], who happened to be there at the time. At that time, the leadership of the [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]. They were taken to the [redacted] where they were detained before being interrogated.

The allegations regarding the [redacted] arrest of [redacted] were brought to the [redacted] of [redacted] on [redacted], 1999.

The [redacted] case has been cited as a prime example of human rights violations in Haiti. Despite [redacted], the [redacted] of [redacted] has yet to bring any of the [redacted] charges against [redacted], [redacted], or [redacted] before the [redacted] court. However, the [redacted] of Haiti has yet to bring any charges against [redacted], [redacted], or [redacted] before the [redacted] court. Finally, the [redacted] of Haiti has yet to bring any charges against [redacted], [redacted], or [redacted] before the [redacted] court.
It is difficult to evaluate the Japanese government's effort to improve rural infrastructure and the rural level to meet widespread economic development in the next century. In the traditional Japanese agricultural economy, the government has been responsible for the rural transport and agriculture, with the National Government Planning Commission playing a major role in rural development. There has been a strong emphasis on rural economic investment to increase national income through agricultural exports. However, the rural economy has faced many challenges, including rural depopulation, low agricultural productivity, and limited market access.

A committee on rural development has been established to develop a comprehensive plan for rural development. The plan is aimed at improving rural infrastructure, increasing agricultural productivity, and enhancing rural economic opportunities. The committee has identified several key areas for intervention, including rural transport, rural education, and rural health care.

The government has allocated significant resources to rural development, with a focus on improving rural infrastructure and increasing agricultural productivity. The committee has also been working with local governments and rural communities to ensure the effective implementation of the rural development plan. The committee has been successful in attracting investment from both domestic and international sources, which has helped to enhance rural economic opportunities.

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E. Malnutrition experience in urban  and rural undeveloped countries during the past 25 years. This information suggests a significant correlation between malnutrition and economic development. In general, countries with higher levels of economic development tend to have lower rates of malnutrition. The relationship is not perfect, but there is a clear trend.

F. The nutritional status of households in poorer wealthier sections of the world is also important. In general, wealthier households have better access to food and nutrients, which can help reduce malnutrition rates. However, within wealthier households, there can still be significant variations in nutritional status, depending on factors such as household size and composition.

G. Finally, the nutritional status of children is a critical indicator of overall population health. Children who are malnourished are more likely to suffer from chronic diseases and infections, which can have long-term health consequences. Efforts to improve children's nutritional status are therefore essential to improving overall population health.
The World Bank estimates that the minimum per capita cost for consumption of the recommended minimum diet and essential nonfood items would be 0.1 000 ($200) annually. By these estimates, over 90% of Haiti's population cannot afford this minimal standard of consumption. So, the recommended minimum per capita calorie intake for Haiti is of the order of 2 000 calories per day, yet a U.S. HEW study quoted by the World Bank in 1979 found a national average of approximately 1 700 per day, totally unbalanced in proteins and fats. Many people suffer from multiple nutritional deficiencies, with only 13% of all Haitian children considered normally nourished in 1975.10 Even this number appears high when compared with the 9.6% in northern urban and 8.1% in northern rural areas who are adequately nourished. According to the 1978 Report of the World Bank,11 more than 50% of Haitian children under 5 suffer from such malnutrition as to require medical care. The same report notes that Haiti was unique in the hemisphere in having the highest decline in calorie intake while at the same time having the lowest per capita calorie intake in 1971-73. Dr. Kendall W. King concluded that, "Unless means can be found to reactivate such vital governmental services as public works, education, agriculture and health, it is unrealistic to anticipate any major improvement in the nutritional status of the population."12 The Duvalier government has taken few, if any, steps to reduce this debilitating and pervasive malnutrition. In fact, a 1978 IADB Report shows that the situation in some cases has worsened.

7. According to the World Bank, public health in Haiti in 1978 was completely insufficient. Medical facilities and trained personnel in the country are minimal. In 1970, there was one physician per 13 000 inhabitants, one nurse for 7 500 inhabitants, and 1.37 hospital beds per 1 000 inhabitants. However, in reality the situation is worse: one-half of all physicians and high proportions of all health facilities are concentrated in Port-au-Prince, and the majority of the population receives no medical care. Over one-half of all doctors and nurses trained in Haiti have gone into exile for political and economic reasons.

12. Rubin and Schaeder, supra, p. 156.
CHAPTER IX

RIGHT TO WORK AND TO A FAIR WAGE

American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man

Article XIV:
Every person has the right to work, under proper conditions, and to follow his vocation freely, in so far as existing conditions of employment permit.

Every person who works has the right to receive such remuneration as will, in proportion to his capacity and skill, assure him a standard of living suitable for himself and for his family.

1. Article 24 of the Constitution of Haiti grants full enjoyment of this right to the Haitian people.

Every worker shall be entitled to a fair wage, job training, health protection, social security, and the welfare of his family insofar as his country's economic development permits.

Any worker may participate, through his representatives, in the collective determination of working conditions. All workers shall be entitled to rest and leisure.

All workers may protect their interests through trade-union activities. Each worker shall belong to the trade union representing his particular occupation.

Annual vacations with pay shall be compulsory.

2. Article 173 reads as follows:

Work, a social function, shall enjoy the protection of the state and shall not be subject to exploitation.

The state shall endeavor to provide the manual or intellectual worker with an occupation that will enable him to provide his family, as well as himself, with the economic conditions of a decent life.
3. The 1978 ILO Yearbook of Labor Statistics demonstrates that the economically active population of Haiti is very high, yet this must be understood in conjunction with an elevated unemployment rate and a very low salary range. Additionally, workers are sometimes not paid, are accorded no paid annual vacation, no transportation allowance, no medical assistance or any other social service. According to the World Bank Report of 1978, sixty per cent of the Haitian population live on incomes of G 300 ($60), and 90% cannot afford necessary minimum food and essential non-food items. Continuing inflation exacerbates this problem. According to the World Bank report of 1976, unemployment in Haiti is rampant. Real unemployment was estimated at 12.3% in the whole country and 16.8% in Port-au-Prince. Almost 90% of the economically active population is employed in agriculture, and of these 75% are classified as underemployed. An ILO report estimates that real unemployment reaches 49% in the agricultural sector and as high as 62% for the country as a whole, making the right to work somewhat illusory. This figure includes unemployment as well as underemployment.

4. Despite the Constitutional guarantees of Article 24, numerous obstacles prevent the formation and existence of unions in Haiti, not the least of which is Law 236 (bis), already mentioned in the Report, that requires the authorization of the government prior to the formation of any group of more than 20 persons. No major unions workers associations have existed in Haiti since 1962, and the country is unaware of all the conventions of the International Labour Organisation.

5. The Haitian government recently announced a new minimum wage of 11 Gourdes a day beginning in December 1979. It is useful to note that this is equivalent to 3234 Gourdes a year, a sum achieved by less than 5% of the economically active population in Haiti. Despite repeated references to the minimum wage laws, the Haitian government has never explained this discrepancy.
CONCLUSIONS

Following its on-site observation in Haiti, and in consideration of the other evidence listed in the present report, the Commission has reached the following conclusions:

1. Two stages in the observance of human rights can be distinguished in Haiti: a. the first is characterized by the nonobservance of human rights, the right to life, personal security or personal freedom, or the right to due process. This situation has improved since 1971; b. the second stage, which began in 1971. During the visit, there were certain indications that the current government wishes to improve the situation with regard to respect for and observance of human rights and other matters. The President of the Republic expressed this intention personally to the Special Commission. Nevertheless, the Commission has information on events that have happened and on legal acts passed, which leads it to believe that this trend has not been continued.

2. During this latter period, the right to life was violated particularly in 1975 and 1976; it has in fact been proven that numerous people died in summary executions or during their stay in prison, or because of lack of medical care. It should nonetheless be observed that there has been a notable improvement as regards this right.

3. There are reliable indicators that many individuals were victims of torture inflicted in certain cases by the neighborhood chiefs, both during interrogations after arrests and during imprisonment.

4. It has been proven that numerous persons are detained without having benefited from any form of legal procedure, and without having access to an attorney. There is no clear-cut separation of powers in Haiti. Legal guarantees are seriously restricted by virtue of the "full powers" that are in effect on an almost permanent basis, and by virtue of the Security Court instituted by the law of August 25, 1977, establishing procedures with limited guarantees as to the right of a legal defense. The Judiciary does not appear to have the independence necessary to exercise its functions.

5. It may be said that freedom of inquiry, opinion, speech and dissemination of thought does not exist. There are taboo questions which cannot be discussed, such as all matters concerning the President's family, the dictatorship, the extra-budgetary revenues of the Régie du Tabac, etc. There is recourse to procedures such as warnings and admonitions of increasing severity to journalists, issued by the Ministry of the Interior; there is also prior censorship, closing of newspapers, threats, assaults and incarcerations. Freedom of information has been seriously threatened by the "official communiqué" of May 19, 1979, and especially by the recent Press Law of September 28, 1979.
6. Freedom of religion and freedom of worship are fully guaranteed.

7. Freedom of association is extremely restricted. Article 236 (bis) of the 1948 Penal Code, which requires government authorization to form a group of more than twenty people, prevents the creation of any literary, political or other type of association. Trade union freedom does not exist as such. There are neither federations nor confederations or trade unions; the right to strike is limited. The government has made it difficult to form political parties and associations in general.

8. There have been violations of the right to residence, movement and nationality. In fact, numerous people have been exiled and, despite the amnesty, certain of them not been able to return to the country. Likewise, several persons have been deprived of their nationality for their political ideas.

9. While it is true that there have been elections, the law of September 19, 1978, gives the President of the Republic full powers, and suspends numerous civil and political rights and certain prerogatives of the Judiciary. Moreover, the political parties that have been established recently cannot actually function, due to the persecution to which their leaders have been subjected.

10. With regard to the effectiveness of the right to education, health, welfare, and the right to work and to a fair wage, it may be said that it is almost nonexistent, particularly because of the extreme poverty, illiteracy, poor hygiene, high birth rate and high infant mortality rate, high rate of unemployment, the lack of medical materials, the low per capita income, etc., which prevent the citizens from enjoying the economic, social and cultural rights set forth in the OAS Charter and in numerous international instruments.
RECOMMENDATIONS

In light of the preceding conclusions, and taking into account the background information and the events that took place after its visit, the Commission recommends to the government of Haiti:

1. That it bring its domestic legislation into line with the provisions of the American Convention on Human Rights to which Haiti is a Party. That this end,
   a. it repeal Article 236 (bis) of the 1948 Penal Code which seriously hampers exercise of the right of association;
   b. it repeal the law authorizing loss of citizenship, except for cases called for under international law;
   c. it repeal the Press Law of September 28, 1979, which seriously hampers exercise of freedom of information.

2. That it investigate and punish those responsible for the numerous violations of the right to life and physical security.

3. That it eliminate the numerous restrictions imposed in practice on freedom of expression and dissemination of ideas.

4. That it permit, without restriction or conditions, entry into the country of Haitian nationals who are living abroad as a result of expulsions decreed by the government, or for any other reason, and who wish to return to their country.

5. That it make the amendments needed to the Constitution so that the actual exercise of the political rights upheld in Article 23 of the American Convention can be guaranteed, and that it assure the free operation of political parties.

6. That it take the measures needed to improve prison conditions.

7. That it take such measures as may be necessary, using all resources available, to improve the social and economic conditions of the country, in order to lessen the inequalities which are an obstacle to observation of human rights. Cooperation will be needed from international agencies, particularly from the Organization of American States, if this is to be achieved.

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights makes a special appeal to international organizations to give Haiti the aid it urgently needs to improve living conditions among the population and to exploit its resources, so that the country can establish respect for and full enjoyment of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights.
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VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN HAITI - 1980

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My name is Michael Posner. I am the Executive Director of the Lawyers Committee for International Human Rights in New York.* The Lawyers Committee was created by the International League for Human Rights and the Council of New York Law Associates, as a legal resource center to promote the implementation of international human rights law.

On aspect of the Committee's work involves the monitoring of human rights practices around the world with specific emphasis on adherence to the Rule of Law. My testimony today presents a summary of a study that we have undertaken over the past 18 months on human rights conditions in Haiti.

Before I begin, I want to thank you for inviting me to testify and to note that I am appearing here today in a personal capacity. I also want to commend you for conducting these hearings. They provide an important forum in which to consider carefully some of the problems now confronting the United States as it seeks to formulate an immigration and refugee policy that is humane and equitable, and, at the same time, economically and socially feasible.

My testimony today addresses one aspect of this problem – the relationship between human rights and patterns of mass migration. It describes and evaluates the current human rights situation in Haiti, analyzing violations of civil, political, economic and social rights. The first part of this testimony will discuss the breakdown in the Rule of Law, the role of the

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Security Forces, conditions in the prisons, restrictions on freedom to participate in the political process, denials of freedom of expression, social and economic problems, and the fate of returnees to Haiti. I will evaluate the effect of these factors in motivating the mass exodus of thousands of Haitians who have left Haiti illegally in recent years and risked a treacherous journey in order to seek refuge in the United States and other countries.

The second part of this testimony will discuss briefly U.S. refugee and asylum policy making several observations and recommendations.

PART I - HUMAN RIGHTS IN HAITI

During the past year and a half, the Lawyers Committee has undertaken a detailed study of human rights in Haiti. In preparing this study, we have interviewed more than 100 Haitians, consulted with human rights organizations, religious and labor leaders as well as academic experts on Haiti. Based on this research, a report will be published by the Committee later this month demonstrating a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights. It will be submitted to the United Nations for consideration by its Commission on Human Rights in Geneva under its ECOSOC 1503 procedures.
HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Since 1957 the Government of this Caribbean nation of six million people has been dominated by two generations of the same ruling family - the Duvaliers. During this 23 year period, Haiti has undergone further political and economic decline and a concomitant pattern of gross violations of fundamental human rights. In Haiti today arbitrary arrest, abduction, prolonged detention, severe mistreatment of prisoners and harassment of ordinary citizens by government security forces are common occurrences. These practices continue virtually unchecked by the government. Little value is placed on the Rule of Law; practically nothing has been done to develop institutional structures through which these basic violations can be ended.

Violations of human rights under Francois Duvalier, and during the initial years of Jean Claude Duvalier's rule, are well established and have been documented by various human rights organizations. The International Commission of Jurists evaluated the rule of Francois Duvalier in the following terms:

"In the world today there are many authoritarian regimes. Many have at least the merit of being based on an ideology, but the tyranny that oppresses Haiti has not even this saving grace. A few men have come to power by force and stayed in power by terror. They seem to have only one aim, to bleed for their own gain one of the most wretched countries in the world."

(Bulletin of the ICJ No. 17 - 1963)
In recent years, the government of Jean Claude Duvalier has repeatedly declared its intention to reverse past practices; to develop a program of liberalization for Haiti. However, the policies of that government have demonstrated that it has taken virtually no actions to address the underlying causes of these systematic violations. Instead, the regime of Jean Claude Duvalier continues to tolerate and perpetuate these basic patterns of abuse. A survey published by the weekly magazine *Petit Samedi Soir* in August 1979 revealed that 93% of the respondents felt insecure under the "liberalized" rule of Jean Claude Duvalier, and that over 80% feel that the country does not offer sufficient guarantees for the protection of human rights. Immediately following publication of this poll, the government arrested three people associated with this magazine.

**BREAKDOWN IN THE RULE OF LAW**

I shall first consider the formal legal structures that have evolved since 1957, and the manner in which they have permitted the Duvalier Family and its small elite to exercise unchallenged control.

The Haitian Constitution and laws state in theory a series of important protections of individual rights. However, in practice, these rights are systematically denied. The President can and does exercise unchallenged authority to override constitutional provisions by the imposition of emergency legislation which creates various states of exception. These emergency
powers are granted through several institutional mechanisms, which are utilized every year.

During the four months each year when the Haitian Legislature is in session, the President has either declared a "state of siege" or in recent years ordered the suspension of specific articles in the Constitution. To augment this authority, the Legislature has instituted a practice of granting extensive powers to the President to suspend constitutional guarantees during the seven or eight month period each year when the Legislature is not in session. Initiated during the early Duvalier period, this vesting of "plein pouvoir" or full powers to the President-for-Life continues to be granted each year. The specific decrees may vary slightly from year-to-year, but suspension of the most important guarantees of individual rights continues to occur on a regular basis.

These rights are undermined further by a series of state security provisions. Perhaps the most draconian of these measures is the "Loi Anti-Communiste" which provides in part that persons who have made "any declarations of belief in communism, verbal or written, public or private" or propagated "communist or anarchist doctrines by conferences, speeches, conversations, by leaflets, posters and newspapers" will be charged with crimes against the state, tried by a military court and if convicted "punished by the death penalty."

In evaluating the scope of this provision, one prominent Haitian attorney, now living in exile, comments:
"Under the Loi Anti-Communiste, a communist is anyone who is deemed not to sufficiently support the Duvaliers."

However violative of fundamental rights these provisions appear in theory, the administration of justice in Haiti is even more repressive. Haitian citizens are routinely arrested without charge, detained for months, even years without trial, rarely brought before a judge and denied virtually every protection provided by the formal legal system. In the past 23 years thousands have been killed or simply disappeared in Haiti. There have been no investigations in these cases and no one has been held accountable for these crimes. The Government has failed to issue death certificates in many of these cases; families are often unsure if their relatives are alive or dead. As under the reign of Francois Duvalier, the Rule of Law is little more than a theoretical concept in Haiti.

It is evident from information we have received that lawyers in Haiti today are fearful of representing clients in controversial cases, and unable to protect their basic due process rights. This corresponds to the situation of Haitian Courts which, staffed with Duvalier appointed judges, lack the independence or authority to make judgments against the on-going abuses of human rights by Government Security Forces.

Even the Haitian Government admits to this widespread denial of justice. In its preliminary observations to the April 1980 Report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States (IACHR), the Haitian Government explained:
"In the opinion of the government most of the problems of penal justice in Haiti stem from a lack of resources that would enable the accused to be brought before the competent judicial authorities as prescribed by the Constitution and Penal Code. Even though the law is still violated at every level, despite improvements introduced over the last seven years, violations are most often due to the fact that this administration is overburdened, understaffed, or does not act unless pressure is applied, not to mention that the number of accused to be brought before the courts is very substantial." (emphasis added).

(IACHR Report, April 1980, at p. 40)

One United States Embassy official in Haiti recently concluded that outside of Port-au-Prince "you do not really have much of a judicial system."

ROLE OF THE SECURITY FORCES

Under both Duvalier regimes, a complex network of security forces have brought about a reign of official and arbitrary terror. The unchallenged authority of these forces has perpetrated the most insidious crimes against the Haitian people.

François Duvalier became the dictator of Haiti with the support of powerful armed forces. In order to secure his hegemony, he sought first to weaken the strength of the army by disbanding several of its sections, dismissing successive commanders-in-chief, closing the military academy, repeatedly purging the officers corps and reallocating the majority of funds and modern supplies to his own personal security forces.

In the process, he established a series of countervailing
centers of power loyal only to him personally. Duvalier wrote about one of these forces, the Tonton Macoutes, in his *Memoires D'un Leader Du Tiers Monde*:

"This organization has only one soul: Duvalier; recognizes only one chief: Duvalier; fights for only one destiny: Duvalier in power."

*(ML, Hachitte 1969 p. 324)*

Jean Claude Duvalier would repeat this phrase in July 1972 in describing his own relationship with the militia. Under Jean Claude the security forces have continued to operate with civil immunity as an arm of the Duvalier dictatorship, arresting, imprisoning, interrogating and torturing thousands of Haitian citizens. These forces both exercise the law and are above the law.

"The Macoutes exist to repress the people and to check on those people who say bad things about the government. They have free reign to do whatever they want."

*(Affidavit of Jean Stenio Louis Miami, July 1979)*

"If a Macoute does something wrong like killing someone, some reprimand may be announced, but even if it is nothing ever happens to the Macoute. He is never punished."

*(Affidavit of Patrick Lemoine New York, Nov. 1979)*

It is apparent that under Jean Claude's much publicized "liberalization" in late 1977 and early 1978 the operations of the Security Forces were temporarily curtailed on the streets of Port-au-Prince. Yet we have received evidence demonstrat-
ing that in the rural provinces the Security Forces continue, as before, to terrorize the Haitian community. As one United States Embassy official in Haiti concluded: "In the provinces they are the law." (Philadelphia Enquirer, Oct. 8, 1979, At p. 1A).

In the past year, President Duvalier, in an effort to bolster his control, has called the civilian security forces back into their former open and virtually limitless position. On September 22, 1979, on the 22nd anniversary of the Duvalier regime, President-for-Life Duvalier warned the Militia that they must be ready to fight to defend the dictatorship, stressing their major role in stamping out the growing unrest and instability in Haiti. One observer recalls the speech:

"Men and women of the Militia, you are the Linchpin of my government. The major force on which I can base myself in order to realize the objectives of democracy and to impose respect for law and order and activist discipline."

From the very beginning, the Tonton Macoutes have been unpaid with the exception of a few of the highest ranking officers. The Civilian Security Forces are, therefore, dependent on their fellow Haitians for their livelihood. This practice has encouraged full-scale corruption and given the Civilian Security Force license to extort with impunity.
While the organizational structure and names of the various security forces have changed since the 1950's, their objectives remain the same; to maintain the Duvaliers in power.

There are several security forces. First, the Volunteers for National Security (VSN) or Militia. Often referred to as the Tonton Macoutes, the VSN was the power base of the old guard under Francois Duvalier. Disbanded in 1971, the VSN was reorganized a year later and continue to operate today as a civilian security force.

The Police Rurale are distinct from the VSN though they also are often regarded as "Macoutes." They number about 600 and operate in rural areas. Unlike the VSN, they are officially salaried employees of the army. While they concentrate on common crime, they also seek out suspected political opponents.

The Service Détectif are the political police now based at Casernes Dessalines. The S.D. is under the command of Col. Jean Valmé, a Francois Duvalier loyalist, who was trained by the U.S. Military for anti-subversive combat. Valmé was chosen by Jean Claude Duvalier to organize the Service Détectif, which is officially charged, along with the Intelligence Service, with apprehending and interrogating "terrorists", "communists" and "agents of subversion." Directed by a staff of military officers based at the barracks, the Service Détectif consists
of approximately 300 civilian detectives and undercover agents from various social classes, who specialize in the arrest and interrogation of political prisoners.

In addition to these forces, President Duvalier has created a personal security and anti-guerrilla force, called the "Leopards". Currently under the command of Lt. Col. Acedius St. Louis, the Leopards were organized and trained by U.S. Army personnel. Institutionally they are part of the Haitian army, though they receive higher pay and better training than other regular army soldiers. They receive orders directly from President Duvalier. One observer familiar with the various security forces notes:

"The Leopards are the elite force in Haiti today. Intensely loyal to Duvalier, they represent the most modern and effective of the security forces; the first line of defense for the Duvalier regime."

Still another part of the regular army is the Presidential Guard, a stationary, very well equipped force that also takes orders directly from President Duvalier.

**POLITICAL PRISONERS AND PRISON CONDITIONS**

A most poignant symbol of terror under the Duvalier regime is the treatment of political prisoners in Haiti. Officially sanctioned brutality and maltreatment have characterized Haiti's political prisons since the early days of Francois Duvalier's rule. Under Jean Claude's regime, political prisoners continue to face systematic beatings, interrogation under torture, starvation, disease and death.
Moreover, in Haiti "political prisoners" include not only so-called prisoners of conscience, but also those who in any way offend the government. Someone who has a personal confrontation with a member of the Security Forces, or who flees the country and later returns, may easily be swept up in the cruel and violent dragnet of the Security Forces. As one ex-political prisoner explained:

"Politics and everyday life in Haiti cannot be separated. A man can casually say that he is hungry and that can be misconstrued to mean he is criticizing the governmental mismanagement of funds, therefore leading to his arrest."

(Affidavit of Patrick Lemoine)

Conditions in these prisons have undergone little change in the past 23 years. Despite repeated official assurances to the contrary, detailed statements by several recent detainees clearly show that Fort Dimanche continues to house political prisoners. One ex-prisoner, Emmanuel Saint Jean, makes the following comparison:

"The conditions I saw while I was serving as a Macoute for six years, ending in February of 1979, had not varied from those I saw in 1964 during the reign of Papa Doc Duvalier, at the Penitencier National in Port-au-Prince, when I was there visiting a prisoner. I saw the same conditions there as exist today in Les Cayes. One thing that is still very common today is that people who did
not die when they were beaten, and some of them did die because of a beating, sometimes died of hunger in the cells... and that people who have been in jail die shortly after their release from jail. They are so weak from the beatings and starvation there that they simply die a few days later."

(Affidavit, Emmanuel Saint Jean, Miami, Sept. 1979)

Another former prisoner describes the physical and psychological abuses that have continued to characterize imprisonment at Fort Dimanche:

"They led me to a cell... There were already 20 people in the cell. They started to beat me with a wooden club on my back and on my chest. When I collapsed they began to rock me with their feet. They beat me for approximately two hours. Then I lost consciousness... During the time that I was in prison between December 7, 1978 and March 5, 1979, they once took two people out of the cell. At a later time they came back and took three others. Everyone understood that they were being taken out to be shot; since they had been taken at midnight. We feared that the same thing would happen to us at any moment."

(Affidavit, Name Withheld by Request, November 1979, Montreal, Canada)

Another, Merilien Mezius, left Haiti in late 1979. Mezius, who had been arrested after returning to Haiti from the Bahamas two years earlier, testified:

"From Tuesday until Saturday, I was beaten twice daily, mornings and evenings, each day by a different guard. I regularly lost consciousness and soon could not move at all. Not once was I given food or water in six days. My cell measured about three feet in width by two and a half feet in length. It was impossible to lie down..."
The guard who beat me would open the door and start hitting me on the body and head with a club and kicking me severely, knocking me back into the cement wall. I was bleeding all over my face and on the back of my head. I later lost six teeth due to these beatings.

(Affidavit of Merilien Mezius Washington, D.C., May 1980)

While few political prisoners, if any, are formally charged, some are informally accused of "political crimes" and forced to confess while being beaten. Another former prisoner describes his treatment:

"I was conducted into a room where I underwent an extensive interrogation. In the room were a captain from the Army in uniform and two other men in civilian clothes. The captain accused me of being a communist and an opponent of the regime. I categorically denied that I was a communist adding that I was only a professor of history. They demanded that I furnish them with a list of names, a task that was obviously impossible to complete in view of the fact that no such people existed. Each time that I was unable to respond to their questions, the two men in civilian clothes punched and kicked me very hard. This routine was continuously repeated for approximately 15 days."

(Affidavit, Name Withheld by Request, Montreal, Nov. 1979)

At a time when the Haitian government has repeatedly stressed that there are no political prisoners, recent evidence
indicates that political prisoners continue to be held in the Penitencier National in Port-au-Prince. The affidavits of Bernier Pierre and Franz Voltaire, who were both detained (August 20-25, August 29-31, 1979, respectively) without charge, corroborate each other's testimony: they met with the same political prisoners and suffered the same conditions. The individual cases they describe reveal a gamut of what the Haitian Government considers to be "political crimes." It is important to note that none of these political prisoners had been charged, given a hearing or granted other legal protections.

Four of the cases described involve individuals who in some way participated in the Duvalier network and fallen out of favor. For example, Ulrich Desire, a former head customs officer of the town of Saint Marc, had been in prison for over seven months without charges. He was supposedly suspected of not having adequately denounced an alleged arms smuggling plan. Another important government worker was apparently swept up in this matter. Jesuton Colas,
a major designer of urban renewal projects and the creator of a large apartment complex, sponsored by the German assistance project, MISEREOR, was told during interrogation that his refusal to support overtly the Duvalier government made him suspect, and that this was the reason for his imprisonment.

Sargeant Bienvenue Theodore of the Presidential Guard had been in prison three months when Bernier Pierre shared his cell. He had apparently been denounced by one of his men whom he had beaten for expressing a desire to shoot all strikers during a labor dispute, (saying that it was not a matter for the military). Unlike any of the others, Sargeant Bienvenue Theodore had his case presented before a team of officers which declared him politically suspect for not being sufficiently loyal. Theodore was not permitted to speak before these officers. A fourth such case involves Corporal Wilfred Nicolas, a member of the Port-au-Prince police, who was arrested due to an anonymous denunciation.

Two other Haitians who in no way served the Government, Fritzer Sidney and Prosper Saint Louis, were denounced together for having sung a song with anti-government connotations. Both musicians had been held incommunicado and were severely beaten. Saint Louis had been in prison for four months without the opportunity to inform his paralyzed wife and four children that he was still alive.
Another group singled out for persecution are "returnees", Haitians who have sought a home under a foreign flag and then forced back to Haiti. Four of the persons encountered in the Penitencier National had been imprisoned immediately upon being returned and have never been charged with or even accused of any crime. Three of these individuals were arrested immediately after their return from the Dominican Republic. Although no formal charges were made, Dieugand Fleurimand and Leon Depournoys were both accused of having contact with opposition politicians. Fleurimand, who had been savagely beaten, had apparently been arrested along with another "returnee" from the Dominican Republic. The fourth, Joseph Jeanty, was a "returnee" from Miami who had been imprisoned for two months without charges at Penitencier National and was on his way to the Casernes Dessalines when Bernier met him in a jeep. Jeanty was apparently incarcerated immediately after he returned so that his family believed that he was still in the U.S.

RESTRICTIONS ON FREEDOMS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS

Despite guarantees in the Haitian Constitution and provisions of international human rights law to which Haiti is bound, effective political activity has, in effect, never been tolerated by the Duvaliers in Haiti.
Since the 1950's, politically active organizations, such as political parties and trade unions, have been forced to abandon their activities.

After coming to power in 1971, Jean Claude Duvalier repeatedly pledged that political parties would be permitted to form and encouraged to operate freely. Early in 1979, the Government announced that opposition candidates would be allowed to participate in the February 1979 legislative elections, the first held in Haiti since 1961. These elections, held February 11, 1979, featured only a handful of opposition candidates, and only one, Alexandre Lerouge, won a seat in the 58 member Parliament.

Another opposition candidate from Mirebalais, Sylvio Claude, sought to run against Madame Max Adolphe, a staunch supporter of the Duvalier government, who with her husband was for many years in charge of the Volunteers for National Security. However, shortly before the election, the Government forced him to withdraw from the race. He was arrested soon after the elections.

These so-called "free elections" had little positive effect in restoring democracy to Haiti. Following the election, there were reports of widespread vote fraud and the use of government security forces to help ensure a pro-Duvalier outcome. Chataigne Dumont, a former member of the Tonton Macoutes from the Southwestern city of Les Cayes,
describes the role of the security forces in ensuring, by force, the election of government candidates:

"Macoute headquarters in Les Cayes were told by Duvalier some time before the election of February 11, 1979 the names of the three government candidates and the Macoutes were ordered by Duvalier to support and protect them. 
...Duvalier in his order did not specify how to help the three government choices, leaving the specifics up to the Macoutes, but the order was that they must be supported."

At a meeting called by the local commander of the security forces, Dumont recalls:

"We were specifically ordered that if anyone should try to give those government candidates a hard time, we Macoutes should beat those persons up."

(Affidavit of Chataigne Dumont, Miami, Aug. 1979)

Dumont describes in detail the government election rigging in Les Cayes, a common occurrence in many other election districts. Dumont states:

"Three days before the date of the election, the results of the election arrived in Les Cayes, from Duvalier. Col. Gregoire Figaro received from Duvalier a piece of paper with the names of the various candidates on it and with the number of votes supposedly received by each candidate to the right side of the name of the candidate. At the bottom of the piece of paper Colonel Gregoire had the task of obtaining the signatures of the chief local judge, of himself as military commander and the prefect for Les Cayes."

(Affidavit of Chataigne Dumont)
The day after the election, when supporters of an opposition candidate, Hugo B. Verret, held one of a series of demonstrations nationwide protesting government control and abuse of the electoral processes:

"Colonel Figaro took Verret to Radio Diffusion Cayenne and said he should speak over the radio to his people and order them to keep quiet. Verret on the radio said 'I don't want you good people to get in trouble; so keep quiet and don't make trouble; it won't do any good."

(Affidavit of Chataigne Dumont)

In the aftermath of the February elections, Dieudonne Fardin, editor of a popular weekly magazine in Haiti, "Le Petit Samadí Soir" commented:

"It's a case of one step forward and two steps back. The government promised free elections but it's just a bluff."

Soon after the election, twelve people including Joseph Maxi, a lawyer and founding member of the Haitian League for Human Rights, were arrested in connection with an alleged plot to overthrow the regime. No formal charges were ever filed and Maxi was subsequently released.
Less than three weeks after the election, on February 19, Sylvio Claude was arrested, although not formally charged, and imprisoned in Casernes Dessalines. According to one account, Claude was interrogated for several hours, tortured with electric shocks and severely beaten by Lt. Mondesir and Lt. Julien, both under the command of Colonel Jean Valmé, Chief of the Service Detectif. Col. Albert Pierre also participated in the interrogation of Mr. Claude.

Claude was later released and exiled to Colombia. He returned to Haiti in late May and was immediately arrested. When he was released on June 7, Claude began organizing a new political party - the Haitian Christian Democratic Party. According to Edouard Franck, one of Claude's associates and a co-founder of the party, in the initial months after its foundation the Government allowed the party

"to operate in order to keep up the appearance of democracy. However the Duvalier Government could see that democracy would be the source of its downfall, and began instituting repressive measures."

(Affidavit of Edouard Franck, Miami, Nov. 1979)

On August 3, 1979, Bartholand Edouard, former Minister of the Interior in Haiti, expressed the fears of the Government:

"You know that there are citizens who have formed some political parties. Thus we are in full democracy. No one can contest it. In the meantime you must be in a position to make a good choice, to distinguish the good grain from the bad. These people can mislead you. They can lead you into error. They can cause you to lose the gains realized over the last 22 years. They are
Three weeks later on August 26, Government Security Forces in civilian clothes disrupted a meeting of Claude's Christian Democratic Party. The Government used this "disturbance" as grounds for the arrest of Claude and other party members. Claude fled to the radio station PGR Progress, whose director Gerard Rezil permitted him to broadcast a message. On the radio, Claude described the harassment of the Haitian Christian Democratic Party, as well as the circumstances of his arrest and imprisonment at Casernes Dessalines.

Edouard Franck describes the events that ensued:

"After the broadcast the Government shed its cloak of democracy and became a dictatorship. All persons employed by the radio station, Radio PGR Progress, and its owner Gerard Rezil, were arrested. The radio station did not operate for two or three weeks because there were guards surrounding the station.

On August 29, Sylvio Claude was arrested and taken to Casernes Dessalines. Also on the same date, the S.D., the secret police who are linked with the Casernes Dessalines, surrounded the building where the Christian Democratic Party conducted its business...

All of the persons who went to the party headquarters on that day were arrested by the S.D. who were standing guard. Also many other party members whose names were on the seized documents were arrested."

(Affidavit of Edouard Franck)
According to one account of this incident, Claude's August arrest had been directly authorized by President Duvalier, at the request of the Chief of Staff of the Haitian Armed Forces. Among others arrested were Mr. Franck, Dupliex Jean-Baptiste and Valere Augustine, all members of the Haitian League for Human Rights. Many of those arrested were taken to Casernes Dessalines where they were threatened, harassed and abused before and during interrogation.

Similar Government harassment cut short the activities of the only two other parties that were formed during this period. The 1980 Report of the IACHR of the OAS notes that

"The Haitian Christian Democratic Party of June 27, founded by Gregoire Eugene, has since ceased active operation because of government harassment, according to Eugene." (IACHR Report At p. 70)

Similarly, the Parti Democratique ceased its operations when its leader Rene Deravine was arrested during this period.

Commenting on the Claude case, and freedom to participate in the political process generally, the CAS' April 1980 report concluded

"The Claude case has been cited as a reflection of various phases of the current situation of human rights in Haiti. First, the arrest of Claude and the ransacking of the party headquarters can be seen as an attempt to stifle the fledgling political parties. Moreover, it shows a judicial system that permits Claude to be held without charges and without trial for more than three months. Finally, the detention of Gerard Rezil for the sole 'crime' of having allowed a Haitian citizen an opportunity to explain his predicament directly affects the right to information and dissemination of ideas." (IACHR Report At p. 71)

A report on human rights in Haiti by the U.S. Department of State released on February 5, 1980 echoed these concerns, noting that during 1979:
"There were no institutional changes favoring political liberalization, however, and if anything, the ability of Haitian citizens to express political views declined in 1979."

(Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1979 - Department of State, p. 341)

DENIALS OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH, PRESS AND ASSEMBLY

These rights which are guaranteed by both the Haitian Constitution (Article 26) and International Law (Articles 12 and 13 of the American Convention on Human Rights; Article 19 of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights) have been consistently undermined in Haiti.

State security legislation, such as the "Loi Anti-Communiste" of 1969 (described above), placed severe restrictions on free speech. A series of additional provisions, enacted during the 1950's and still in force impose fines and imprisonment on members of the press for insulting or libelling the President of the Republic, or for undermining the authority of members of the Government.

In May 1979, a government communique required that all films and theatre plays be screened by a government-appointed review committee. This action came after two plays were aired which addressed political and social issues, albeit in very indirect terms.

On September 28, 1979, the Government enacted a new press law which severely undermines free speech and press in Haiti.
The new law prohibits the press "from offending the Chief of State or the First Lady of the Republic", a crime punishable by one to three years in prison.

Another provision of the new law prohibits "The entry, circulation or sale in the country of a foreign publication that is subversive or against good morals."

The law was amended on March 31, 1980. Title II, Article 8 of the new law requires that anyone who wishes to begin publishing a newspaper or magazine in Haiti must receive official authorization to do so. Title I, Article 5 of the new law requires the deposit of all news articles with the Secretary of State for the Interior and National Defense 72 hours prior to publication, a requirement which it is virtually impossible for daily newspapers to meet.

In its April 1980 Report, the IACHR of the OAS concluded:

"It is obvious that the interpretations that might be given this article leave little room for the press to treat important facets of the national life without running the risk of being brought to court charged with violations of these prohibitions." (IACHR Report at p. 47)

These formal restrictions on free expression have been reinforced by the extra legal actions of Government security forces against the press.

In its 1980 Report the IACHR notes that "According to denunciations received by the Commission, government acts restricting or abolishing freedom of expression have taken the following forms:"
a. Admonitions and warnings of an increasingly severe nature, to journalists about the tenor of their articles or broadcasts;

b. Prior censorship, notably, prohibition of new publications;

c. Closing of existing newspapers on account of the ideas published;

d. Personal threats against journalists and other citizens on account of their ideas or expressions;

e. Personal aggression against journalists or other citizens on account of ideas they have expressed or circulated;

f. Imprisonment of journalists and other citizens on account of their ideas;

g. Death of journalists and other citizens on account of their ideas and expressions, either by simple homicide or by execution in prison."

(IACHR Report At p. 48)

The case of Gasner Raymond, a report for Le Petit Samedi Soir, illustrates the lack of institutional structures available to protect individual rights in Haiti. Therefore, it is useful to examine this case in detail. On June 1, 1976, Raymond was found dead on the road from Port-au-Prince to Leogane. Raymond had been critical of the Government's use of troops to stop a workers' strike at a Haitian cement factory and had written an article on that subject two weeks before his death.

According to several sources, Raymond had received a series of death threats from Haitian Security Forces after the article was published in Le Petit Samedi Soir. Two and a half months before his death, the newspaper reported that he and
other reporters had been interrogated for four hours by government authorities at Petit-Goave. Commenting on the on-going threats and pressures directed against these reporters, *Le Petit Samedi Soir* wrote:

"We still feel a certain anxiety when we are waiting for Carl Henry Guiteau, Jules Nicolas or Gasner Raymond, when they are expected back from following up on a lead."

(No. 137, March 13, 1976, p. 12)

A number of Haitians familiar with this case charge that Raymond was assassinated by Haitian Security Forces, and that his death was designed as a warning to others not to write articles critical of the Haitian Government. According to one source, the killing was carried out by "Militiamen" from the Port-au-Prince Police headquarters.

On March 23, 1977, Edner Brutus, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, provided the Government's explanation in the Raymond case:

"This affair could well be classed, like so many others throughout the world, as one of those that upsets and confuses public opinion, and disconcerts the police and the courts. Here are the unvarnished facts:

One morning, a body was discovered on the road from Port-au-Prince to Iógône, it was Gasner RAYMOD. The editor of the newspaper where he worked wrote to the Ministry of the Interior asking him to open an inquiry on the murder. A communiqué from the Association of Haitian Journalists acknowledged that the necessary investigations had been conducted, but that despite the efforts of the military and judicial authorities, there was no evidence on which to base a charge. Ill-intentioned people attempted to bring politics into this affair, but were never able to provide any proof."
The Question is still there, and neither the Police nor the Courts have abandoned their efforts to shed light on this deplorable murder.

According to Le Petit Samedi Soir, the official inquiry in this case was headed by two key Duvalier loyalists - Major Maxine Antoine of the Criminal Investigation Division, and Colonel Jean Valmé, Chief of Security at the Dessalines barracks.

One source charges that the investigators chosen in Raymond's case were Joseph René, a member of the Jeanclaudiste Action Council, Mr. Ti-Georges Sayeh, an owner of several houses of prostitution in Port-au-Prince, and Mr. Azis, Director of the Ciment D'Haiti Corporation, the company about which Mr. Raymond had written his article.

On December 7, 1979, three and a half years after Raymond's death, the Haitian Government stated to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights that "any allegation that the police made threats against Mr. Raymond's life because of an article written about the strike is specious, false and malicious." The Government noted that the case is still open, and the investigation into his death is still being carried out by the Haitian Police.
FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION:
The Haitian League for Human Rights

One of the most striking examples of the Haitian Government's hostility toward freedom of expression and association was the violent break-up of a meeting held at the Peres Salesiens building in Port-au-Prince by the Haitian League for Human Rights on November 9, 1979. At the meeting, which was attended by a crowd estimated at between 1,000-6,000 people, Professor Gerard Gourgue, Chairman of the League, was scheduled to speak on the "Political Atmosphere and Human Rights." In his remarks he intended to discuss the detention of Sylvio Claude and the new press law.

As Professor Gourgue began to speak, Government security forces in civilian clothes charged the podium and began to beat up both participants and observers at the meeting. Gourgue, his wife, and daughter were all beaten; his wife requiring hospitalization for the injuries she received. According to one account of this incident, moments after Gourgue began his speech

"Several men leaped on the stage, ripped Gourgue's speech from his hands and beat him with their fists and feet as he fell to the floor."

Approximately 60 security force personnel armed with clubs participated in the raid, which left representatives from the
U.S., French, Canadian and West German Embassies among the 200 people physically injured.

One security force member who attended the meeting was Daniel Voltaire, then a member of the Presidential Guard. He describes the meeting:

"As I approached the hall, I saw a large number of Tonton Macoutes in civilian clothes outside the hall. I know many of the Macoutes in Port-au-Prince, so it was very easy to recognize them. As I started to go into the hall to hear the speaker they called out to me: 'so, military people are no longer loyal Duvalierists, now they are attending human rights meetings. You better be careful.' Another one yelled: 'we have orders to beat anyone who goes in there, so use your head.'

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Maitre Gourgue said that the Macoutes had come with assurances of peace, and he asked that they remain peaceful, and keep peace in the hall. The Macoutes in the room seemed to be commanded by Lieutenant Meu. The Macoutes continued to whistle and people started trying to flee from the room, but the Macoutes closed the doors so nobody could get out. Then two Macoutes known as 'Les Freres Simeon', but really named Polychine, began to beat people near them. Soon all the Macoutes were beating people.

(Affidavit of Daniel Voltaire)

Another account describes those involved in the raid:

"The 60 or so attackers, many of them middle-aged, began shouting 'Jean-Claude Duvalier' and then started beating members of the audience. Some who reached their cars were dragged out and beaten some more."
I.M. Silins, an American Embassy official who arrived at the rally as Mr. Gourgue was being beaten, describes his involvement in the incident:

"I went up, and he grabbed my wrist, and I tried to pull him out. Now the thugs were breaking up the furniture and knocking down loudspeakers."

Gourgue pointed to his wife who was lying on her back, being beaten with the metal legs of chairs. Silins notes "there was blood on her dress... We helped her to stand and the girl who had come to get me helped her walk off."

Silins proceeded to walk out of the auditorium with Professor Gourgue, when he was hit on the shoulder and slapped on the head. Gourgue himself was beaten again, and his daughter received a deep puncture wound in her arm.

It is clear from the November 9 meeting and its aftermath that the Haitian Government will still not tolerate the existence of any person or organization that in any way attempts to raise human rights issues. Despite considerable international
pressure and despite all of the promises that have been made to create a Human Rights Division and Advisory Board, the Haitian Government has yet to announce any investigation into the violent disruption of the November 9 meeting.

In its 1980 Report, the IACHR concludes, with regard to this incident that

"The disruption of this meeting on human rights, attended by several prominent members of the Haitian League for Human Rights, raises serious doubts about the possibility of holding assemblies to discuss this subject, and also causes concern about the continued effective operation of programs and organizations dedicated to the promotion and protection of human rights."

(IACHR Report At 60)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN HAITI

Few nations in the world present an economic picture as bleak as that of Haiti. It is one of a handful of nations in the world now called "fourth world" because of its utter economic destitution.

Haiti's desperate economic situation has been well documented in a number of reports by the World Bank, United Nations,
Inter-American Foundation and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Most Haitians live in dire poverty. In 1977 the average per capita income in Haiti was $232—the lowest in the Western Hemisphere. Moreover, as the World Bank reported in December 1978, more than sixty percent of the population actually lives on incomes as low as $60 per year. According to some estimates almost seventy-five percent of the population lives under conditions of absolute poverty; this means that the overwhelming majority of Haitians cannot afford what is considered the minimum standard of consumption of food and non-food items. Some have estimated that as many as 20,000 Haitians a year die of starvation.

The disparity between rich and poor is striking. Approximately five percent of the population of Haiti accumulates fifty percent of the national income and the average per capita income of the highest income bracket (comprising less than one percent of the population) is 176 times as high as that of the lowest income bracket (comprising sixty-one percent of the population) (World Bank 1978).

In its 1979 Report on Haiti entitled "Bottom-up Development in Haiti," written by Robert Maguire, the Inter-American Foundation concluded:
"The health situation is the worst in the hemisphere. Infant mortality rates are 150 per 1,000 and the average adult life expectancy is 47 years (Gow: 1977). Mortality rates for children under five is ten times that of developed countries (USAID: 1977). Three percent of Haitians have tuberculosis; malaria and illnesses due to malnutrition are widespread; and there was only one doctor to every 13,210 people, one nurse to every 7,460, one hospital bed to every 1,370 (World Bank: 1975).

Sixty percent of all Haitian children suffer from malnutrition, almost 25 percent of them from second and third degree malnutrition, and the average daily caloric intake of 1,700 is well below the Haitian minimum requirement of 2,214 (Zuvekas: 1978b). In 1974, of 129 developing countries, Haiti was 127th in per capita daily caloric consumption and 129th in protein consumption.

Some 80 percent of the adult population is illiterate. The government spends about $1 per person per year on education. Only 26 percent of all rural children aged 6-12 attend school (Zuvekas: 1978b)."

In examining these and other factors, the IACHR of the OAS concluded:

"In analysing these patterns, it is apparent that specific political reforms must occur before the goals set forth in the Haitian Constitution can begin to be fulfilled in the area of basic rights to education and health." (IACHR Report, At 74).

In recent years considerable attention has been paid at the United Nations and elsewhere to the relationship between violations of basic civil and political rights and the denial of so-called economic and social rights. Perhaps nowhere is the interdependence of these rights more dramatically illustrated
than in Haiti. In Haiti today the Duvalier government exercises virtual control over every segment of society. It is, therefore, responsible for the collection of revenues and proper expenditure of public funds. For more than two decades under this centralized administration of revenues, however, there have been constant reports of massive government corruption and mismanagement of public funds, emanating from the highest levels of the Haitian government. A thorough understanding of this process is made difficult by the irregular bookkeeping practices employed by the Government. In 1977, thirty percent of Haiti's total revenues were channeled through special checking accounts held in the national bank, which made it virtually impossible to determine either their sources or eventual use. In analyzing this procedure, the IACHR Report of April 1980 concluded "Under these conditions it is questionable whether badly needed foreign assistance programs effectively reach their targets." (IACHR Report, At 74)

In its 1979 Report on human rights in Haiti, the U.S. State Department concluded:

"Corruption is traditional at all levels of society, and significant amounts of domestic revenues usable for development continue to be diverted to personal enrichment." (Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1979, p. 344.)

The operation of the Government's Regie du Tabac is illustrative of the pervasive control exercised by the Duvalier family and the potential for abuse. The Regie du Tabac is a monopoly enterprise of the Duvalier family, which has exclusive control over the distribution of fish, cotton, dairy products, alcohol, as well as automobiles, most electrical appliances and airplanes. In 1977 it collected 4.9 million gourdes, yet
made only 2.9 million gourdes available to the public treasury for general public expenditure. To date there has been no explanation as to what was done with the remaining two million gourdes collected by the Regie. Commenting on this procedure the IACHR Report concluded:

"The operations of the Government's Regie du Tabac also indicates the vast reform necessary before respect for human rights can be more than a goal." (IACHR Report At p. 74)

The pattern of corruption that pervades the Haitian government affects particularly harshly the country's rural population. From the beginning Civilian Security Forces or Militia, who are unpaid, have been encouraged to rely on their fellow citizens for their livelihood. This has resulted in a pattern of wholesale corruption under which the Government has given these forces license to extort with impunity.

In December 1978 Amnesty International reported that:

"Widespread repressive and presumably illegal activities by local authorities in Haiti, which often take the form of extortion, are apparently beyond the control of or knowingly tolerated by the Duvalier Government."

Chataigne Dumont, a Tonton Macoute for six years, describes the manner in which these forces operate:

"One of the most common Macoute practices is the extortion of money from shopkeepers. If they are not given what they want, they can without any fear simply lie about the shopkeeper to the Tonton Macoute Commander, saying that the shopkeeper has spoken bad things about the government. The Commander then would put the shopkeeper in prison, and maybe transfer him to Fort Dimanche, the very bad prison in Port-au-Prince. The Commander and Duvalier gave the orders to the Macoutes that they could do whatever they want."
Once the Commander, in my presence, ordered a Macoute named Machoutoute to kill a gardener, who was the keeper of a coconut grove. The master of the grove was not there at the time, and the Commander wanted the grove for himself, so he ordered the killing of the gardener and gave the coconut grove to a Macoute to keep... when I left Haiti, this Macoute still maintained the coconut grove for the Macoute Commander."

(Affidavit of Chataigne Dumont)

Commenting on this practice, the Inter-American Foundation's 1979 Report on Haiti concludes:

"Since renters and sharecroppers have no security on the land they work, investment is discouraged. Instead, they tend to overwork the land to produce a maximum yearly harvest, often at the cost of environmental damage. This lack of security also affects the peasant freehold farms who rarely have clear title. Facing the very real possibility of appropriation of their land by a gros neg ("big shot"), farmers are also discouraged from investing in their land, and encouraged to overwork it. There are substantiated reports of land grabs, of judges bribed to issue competing land titles, of extortion by locally powerful quasi-governmental authorities. The situation of insecure tenure arrangements is the most severe and debilitating constraint to peasant development in Haiti.

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One begins to understand not only why peasants identify justice as one of their needs, but also the extent of the injustice imposed upon them. It becomes obvious why changes in the physical infrastructure--roads, irrigation systems, markets--will not benefit peasants if they remain in their present condition of dependency. Indeed, infrastructural change may actually lead to their further underdevelopment. Any improvements to the land itself, or in access to the land may well 'only pave
the way for land-grabbing by the relatively wealthy under a cloak of legality' and result in peasant disenfranchisement from the land (Zuvekas: 1978a: 260).

The peasants then are powerless and extremely dependent on those with power."

("Bottom-up Development in Haiti" by Robert Maguire, Inter-American Foundation, At p. 15)

TREATMENT OF RETURNEES

Because of current conditions in Haiti, many people live in fear of harassment or abuse by Government Security Forces. One opinion poll in Haiti released in August 1979 by the magazine Le Petit Samedi Soir found that more than 80% of the total population of the country felt physically insecure in Haiti, and would not encourage relatives living abroad to return to Haiti.

The situation is often much worse for those returning from abroad, and particularly for those who have been openly critical of the government while in exile. In recent months we have received information from several former members of Government Security Forces stating that they have been given standing
orders to arrest returnees. Chataigne Dumont, a member of the VSN for six years stated:

"Yes, people who are deported back to Haiti from the United States are picked up by the Macoutes and put in jail. I myself, as a Macoute, put a man deported back from overseas into jail. These were our standing orders. It was in October 1978, Sylvain Matin came back from Nassau, and I put him in jail when I saw him back in Les Cayes. He was immediately sent to Fort Dimanche, which is where all richer or political prisoners are sent, and from which one rarely hears of the man again.

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Another instance of the standing order to pick up people returned from overseas involved Yves-Herna Landiche, who was deported from the United States last year. When he arrived in Port-au-Prince from the U.S., the Macoutes put him in Casernes Dessalines, a penitentiary. They released him from there and he went back home to Les Cayes, where they jailed him again, this time putting him in the Grand Carter General, another prison."

(Affidavit of Chataigne Dumont)

Daniel Voltaire, a security force member who served in the Presidential Guard from 1972-1979, explains how the system operates:

"Usually when someone was denounced for returning from the United States, for example, we would tell our First Sargent who would tell our company commander, who would then give the information to General Jacques. It was the General himself who would pass the information along to the Service Detectif who most often carried out the arrests. Usually, in the case of a returnee, they would wait five or six days after they returned, and then arrest them suddenly so that no friends or family ever knew what had happened. Almost everybody who comes
back to Haiti from the United States is suspect
and is subject to this kind of denunciation and
arrest.

(Affidavit of Daniel Voltaire, Washington,
D.C., May 1980)

Edouard Jean Louis served as an archivist in the Bureau

In that position he filed confidential documents from leaders
of the Security Forces including Luc Desir, Chief of the Secret
Police. He has stated that:

"It was in this capacity that I was able to read
a message concerning a group of Haitians deported
from the United States and arriving in Haiti labelled
as Communists. This message contained the order to
send them to Fort Dimanche to be executed and it
was signed by Luc Desir."

(Affidavit of Edouard Jean Louis)

According to these and other accounts by members of the
Security Forces, the orders to arrest returnees have been repeated
regularly in recent years. Daniel Voltaire describes the
benefits that accrue to those who arrest those returning to
Haiti:

"Once we were given this order, we knew that
this was the way to get promoted, generally
further our careers and to get cash bonuses.
If you denounce someone to your superiors or
to the Service Detectif you often get promotions
and money because this means that you are doing
your job well. Other times, if you denounce
or arrest people like these returnees, you will
also get sent back to school or to a military
academy because you have acted like a real
Duvalieriste, a real supporter of the President-
for-Life. So denouncing and arresting returnees
or people trying to leave Haiti became a good way to get good promotions, money and career advancement. This was done by many troops in the Presidential Guard and the Leopards as well as the Service Detectif because we were told that these people had insulted the President-for-Life and Haiti, that they were spies, and that they were camoquin or traitors."

(Affidavit of Daniel Voltaire)

Information we have received indicates that a number of returnees have been arrested, detained and often mistreated by Government forces. Merilien Mezius returned to Haiti in 1977 from the Bahamas.

"I flew back to Haiti on Monday, February 18, 1977 and was immediately arrested at the airport. They immediately confiscated the $1,700 that I had in my wallet for my mother's operation, as well as my radio system, suitcase and all clothes. They took me directly to Cassernes Dessalines for interrogation. I kept asking them why was I being arrested what had I done. Finally, someone at Casernes Dessalines said that I was being questioned because I was political. I said that I was not interested in politics and had never been engaged in politics in Haiti or in the Bahamas. They said that I was political because my father had supported Dejoie many years before, and they added that God had sent me to them so that justice could be done. They then took me to a prison on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince that I recognized as Fort Dimanche at about 6:00 P.M. after beating me.

At Fort Dimanche they beat me twice daily on a regular basis, every morning and evening. Every day it was a different guard that would beat me until I lost consciousness. They would constantly scream at me that you are a political enemy of Duvalier because your father was a supporter of Dejoie. For six days the beatings were the same, they would come in the
cell and punch and kick me all over, and hit me with a club. They often hit my head against the side of the cell. By the second day I was bleeding from all over my face and head, and was bruised over most of my body. I lost six teeth as a result of these beatings and began to lose consciousness more and more frequently.

(Affidavit of Merilien Mezius)

While Mezius was in jail, a group of prisoners who were returnees from Miami and the Bahamas were brought to the prison. "On Thursday morning just before they entered our cells to beat us, I heard one of the guards say to the other, 'Some of the people here are from Miami, and one is from the Bahamas. They're political, they're against Duvalier and we have to kill them'.

Constant Louis came back to Haiti on December 15, 1978. Three weeks later government security forces forcibly entered his parents home. Louis testified in a federal law suit in Miami that he was beaten so severely that he became unconscious and lost five teeth.

Another Haitian, who cannot be identified, describes the fate of two returnees who were deported from Miami in mid-1979. One prisoner, named Phillipe "had told the judge in Miami he preferred to be shot on the spot rather than be returned to Haiti. The judge replied that he had nothing to fear because no one would bother him on his return to Haiti. However, on arrival in Haiti, he was taken directly to Ft. Dimanche. The same fate had befallen Jean. They both told me that they had been brought to Ft. Dimanche long before I arrived there. They had been badly mistreated, had been severely beaten with clubs.

(Affidavit, Name Withheld by Request)
U.S. REFUGEE AND ASYLUM POLICY
Some Observations and Recommendations

During the past two years, the Lawyers Committee has followed with great interest and expectation the major legislative effort to rewrite U.S. refugee and asylum laws. We were greatly encouraged by the enactment in April of the Refugee Act of 1980, which this Subcommittee had a major role in formulating. The Refugee Act establishes for the first time a legal framework for admitting refugees into the U.S. that is coherent, comprehensive and practical. It was drafted to eliminate the geographical and ideological preferences that have dominated our system in recent years by adopting a universal approach to these problems, consistent with international standards, that emphasizes "special humanitarian concerns."

Recognizing that the U.S. cannot open its doors to an estimated 12 million refugees worldwide, the bill establishes the basis for a policy that will consider existing limitations on national resources while maintaining our national humanitarian commitment.

In its first two months, the Refugee Act has been severely tested. The influx of close to 100,000 Cubans into the U.S.,
growing concerns over the treatment of Haitians already seeking asylum in the U.S., and increasingly unstable political situations in El Salvador, Guatemala and other Central American and Caribbean States characterize the potential difficulties that lie ahead. These circumstances also underscore the need to develop clear and practical operating criteria and organizational structures in order effectively to respond to emergency situations under provisions of the new Act. In this context, several areas of our immigration policy deserve careful Congressional attention.

First, the Refugee Act provides that "special humanitarian concern" should be the primary factor in deciding who the U.S. should accept as refugees. This represents an important departure from the past. As Ambassador Palmieri noted before Committee on April 30, 1980:

"By eliminating the previous geographic and ideological restrictions on granting of refugee status, the act enables a more flexible system for refugee admissions and assistance. We intend to avail ourself of this flexibility to establish admissions criteria that are as comprehensive and equitable as possible."

He went on to state:

"We are determined to develop a system which permits refugees in all ports of the world to apply freely for admission to the United States and to have their applications fairly considered."
Yet, despite these assurances the Administration's Annual Report to Congress on April 15, 1980, reveals that of 114,284 refugees admitted into the U.S. during the first six months of fiscal year 1980, only 120 were from Africa, and only 64 from all of Latin America outside of Cuba. The Administration projects that during the second half of fiscal year 1980, despite the enactment of the Refugee Act, only 946 will be admitted from Latin America outside of Cuba and 1,380 from Africa.

When viewed in comparison to a projected total annual admission of 230,700, the allocation of 2,500 from all of Africa and Latin America (outside of Cuba) neither constitutes fair equitable treatment nor primary reliance on humanitarian concerns as mandated by the Act.

The Administration's handling of the Haitians is but one example of the problem. Rather than acknowledge the very real and serious human rights problems facing Haiti, which I have already discussed in some detail today, the Administration continues to contend that the Haitians are so-called "economic refugees." In their April 15, 1980 Report to Congress, they conclude: "We are not proposing to admit any Haitians as refugees because we do not expect that a significant number of those outside the United States will meet the eligibility requirement of the Refugee Act."
definition and demonstrate that they are subject to political persecution in their homeland. (Report to the Congress, April 15, 1980, page 16)

This politically convenient but incorrect analysis cannot be accepted as a substitute for objective examination of the very serious human rights situation that exists in Haiti. That situation has already caused many people to leave Haiti, and others are likely to follow because they have already been persecuted or have a well-founded fear of persecution.

While the United States may not be willing or able to accept all of these refugees, if a humanitarian commitment is to be the primary criterion of our refugee policy, the U.S. needs to recognize that the systematic denial of human rights in Haiti is causing people to flee. Only after realistically assessing this situation can we respond intelligently to the problems it presents.

It is also important to recognize that Haiti is but one of a number of countries throughout the world where human rights violations are contributing to mass exoduses. The United Nations Commission on Human Rights adopted a resolution at its March 1980 session in Geneva (copy attached), calling for further examination of this relationship between mass migration and human rights abuses. I recommend that this Committee forward to the U.N. the record of these hearings and any further work
it does in this area, and that it keep itself apprised of future U.N. involvement with this issue.

It is evident that in countries where human rights are being violated on a massive scale, significant migrations are likely to continue. Moreover, the only way to stop effectively the flow of refugees in these situations is to take measures to end the abuses of human rights.

USE OF EMERGENCY SITUATION PROVISION

Currently, all Cuban and Haitian cases are being treated as applications for political asylum. As such, they are being handled on a case-by-case basis. This constitutes a misapplication of the Refugee Act and creates an absolutely unmanageable administrative burden on the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the State Department, and lawyers representing these individuals.

The asylum provision of the Act must be implemented to help develop a system that is both efficient and protective of the rights of individual asylum applicants (see attached letter from the Lawyers Committee to Attorney General Civiletti, dated May 22, 1980).

In the meantime, these large group situations must be considered under either the emergency situation provision of the new Act (Section 207(b)) or by the enactment of special legislation.
ROLE OF UNHCR

The problems being discussed are global in nature and demand an internationally coordinated response. In that regard, the United States should seek at every opportunity to increase international participation in this process and encourage various resettlement efforts in different countries. This process can best be accomplished by relying more closely on the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, which since its formation following World War II has developed into a highly respected and professional international agency—a world expert in refugee matters.

CREATION OF A "BOARD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF REFUGEE STATUS AND ASYLUM"

A sensible method for formally incorporating the UNHCR into the decision-making process would be to invite them to participate in a "Board for the Determination of Refugee Status and Asylum." This Board could consist of representatives of the State and Justice Departments as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations (such as voluntary agencies and human rights organizations). The Board would meet at regular intervals both to review individual applications for political asylum and to discuss and help formulate future refugee policy. By including the UNHCR and non-governmental organizations, even on an observer basis, the Administration would encourage more vigorous articulation of some of the concerns I have expressed today, which would hopefully contribute to the realization of both a humanitarian and practical refugee policy.
As President Carter declared on December 10, 1978:

"Refugees are the living, homeless casualties of the world's failure to live by the principles of peace and human rights. To help these refugees is a simple human duty. As Americans - as a people made up largely of the descendants of refugees - we feel that duty with special keenness.

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I hope that we will always stand ready to welcome more than our fair share of those who flee their homelands because of racial, religious, or political oppression."
CONCLUSIONS

Analysis of the current situation in Haiti reveals a consistent pattern of gross violations of basic human rights. The following is a summary of the principal conclusions of this testimony:

1. There has been a complete breakdown in the rule of law in Haiti. "Emergency" legislation and a series of State Security Laws give President-for-Life Duvalier the authority to suspend basic constitutional protections of individual rights and he has consistently used this authority.

2. The administration of justice in Haiti is poor. Haitian citizens are regularly arrested without charge, detained without trial and denied virtually every protection provided by the formal legal system.

3. Lawyers are afraid to represent clients in controversial cases. When they do represent clients they are ineffective in safeguarding the basic rights of the process guaranteed by the Haitian Constitution.
4. The courts in Haiti lack the independence necessary to protect individuals, and the authority to challenge the abuses perpetrated by Government security forces.

5. A complex network of Government security forces has severely undermined the Rule of Law in Haiti. These forces are responsible for the illegal arrest, interrogation, imprisonment and torture and/or killing of Haitian citizens.

6. Conditions in the prisons have undergone little change in the past 23 years. Political prisoners continue to face systematic maltreatment including beating, interrogation under torture, starvation, disease and death.

7. The Haitian Government continues to suppress effective political activity. Following elections in February 1979, there were numerous reports of vote fraud and government coercion and intimidation to guarantee support of government candidates.

8. Open and effective political activity has been effectively stifled in Haiti. The leaders of the three political parties which were formed after these elections have been harassed or arrested.

10. The Haitian Government is not willing to tolerate the existence of any person or organization that effectively advocates the promotion of human rights in Haiti. In November 1979, Government Security Forces violently disrupted a public meeting of the Haitian League for Human Rights.

11. The Government's failure to protect civil and political rights has served to exacerbate Haiti's already desperate economic situation.

12. In Haiti today there continues to be broadscale government corruption and mismanagement of public funds. In its April 19 report, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the OAS concluded:

"Under these conditions it is questionable whether badly needed foreign assistance programs effectively reach their targets."

(IACHR Report, At 74)

13. This pattern of corruption affects the country's rural population particularly harshly. In rural areas, Civilian Security Forces engage in a pattern of wholesale extortion and forced expropriation of private land. In these areas the Haitian Government has given these forces license to extort with impunity.

14. Those returning to Haiti from exile in other countries face particularly harsh treatment. Government Security Forces have standing authority to arrest returnees. Some returnees are known to have been arrested, interrogated and subjected to gross mistreatment by Government Security Forces.
MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT : State Department Study Team on Haitian Returnees

SUMMARY

In recent years thousands of Haitian nationals have arrived on U.S. shores by boat, and many of them have claimed political asylum. These claims are adjudicated by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, with the State Department playing a limited but significant role in review of the claims. Approximately 600 Haitians have been returned to Haiti since 1972, and there have been allegations by private groups that these returnees have faced political persecution upon return.

To review the situation of these returnees and to assure continued conscientious observance of U.S. obligations under the United Nations Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, the State Department sent a study team to Haiti from May 10-22, 1979. Members of the team spoke with government officials and non-governmental contacts, and also located and interviewed 86 returnees living throughout Haiti, in addition to interviews with family members of eleven other returnees. The team was given freedom to go wherever it wished without Haitian government accompaniment.

All returnees interviewed stated, sometimes quite emphatically, that they had left for economic reasons. The team uncovered no significant indication of mistreatment or of punishment of returnees because of their
journey to the U.S., with the exception of organizers, who are often fined and imprisoned for a matter of months. Returnees, however, are not immune to difficulties with the authorities on other grounds, and there were isolated reports of physical abuse.

In our discussion with Haitian government officials, they repeated earlier assurances that returnees are not mistreated. In their view, the vast majority leave for economic reasons, and in light of their usually low socio-economic status and lack of education, would not be considered political refugees. The team was told, however, that a very small number of those now in the U.S. who had been actively involved in political opposition might be subject to imprisonment or surveillance if they returned. Of those returned so far, the Haitian government is only interested in punishing organizers, organizing being viewed as a lucrative trade that victimizes the passengers.

Although we thus found no evidence of any pattern or policy of mistreating returnees, there remain reasons to believe that some asylum claims could well have merit. Each individual asylum application must continue to be reviewed carefully on its own individual facts.
INTRODUCTION

Since the early 1970's many thousands of Haitians aboard small fishing boats have arrived in various ports in Florida. When apprehended by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), many of these people have requested political asylum, claiming that they have a well-founded fear of persecution "for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion" if they were to return to Haiti. Those who establish such a claim are protected against forced return under the United Nations Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, to which the United States acceded in 1968, and under applicable U.S. law.

Applications for political asylum are reviewed on their individual merits by the INS. Some applications by Haitians have been granted, but the overwhelming majority have been denied. The denials have drawn sometimes vehement criticism from citizen groups who allege that Haitian nationals returned from the U.S. face political persecution. The denials have also provoked a number of lawsuits, which have had the effect of delaying many pending exclusion and deportation proceedings. INS states that there are some 8800 Haitian cases pending in Florida. Estimates of the number of Haitians illegally residing in this country run many times higher.

The Department of State has a limited but important role in the processing of asylum cases, Haitians as well as others. Until recently, the INS has sent to the Department for our review those applications determined to be doubtful or lacking in merit. Upon request of the Department of State, the UNHCR has agreed to participate in the review of all Haitian asylum requests submitted to the INS/Miami district office. After reviewing over 2000 such requests, the UNHCR concurs that the vast majority of such asylum seekers have not established a well-founded fear of persecution upon return to Haiti.

Under INS regulations issued in April, the Department will henceforth review virtually all asylum claims before INS passes on the merits. Based on general information about the country, knowledge of specific events or organizations or other matters cited in the request for asylum, or, when available, particular information we may have about the individual, the Department transmits its views on the claim for use by INS in making its final decision.
With regard to Haitian cases, the Department occasionally has asked the United States Embassy in Port-au-Prince to develop additional information on a particular claim, and has sometimes requested that INS hold an additional interview to obtain more information from the applicant.

The Government of Haiti has previously provided both formal and informal assurances that returnees would not be persecuted or harassed because of their illegal departure or their residence abroad. The American Embassy in Port-au-Prince has also undertaken some follow-up contact, where possible, with individuals who have been returned either from the continental U.S. or from the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (Bad weather and mechanical problems have forced a number of Haitian boats bound for the U.S. ashore at Guantanamo.) Most of the Embassy follow-up has been undertaken in the Port-au-Prince area.

In order to gain additional information on the ultimate treatment of returnees — especially those who have not remained in Port-au-Prince — and to assure that the Department continues to fulfill conscientiously its role in review of Haitian asylum applications, the Department sent a study team to Haiti from May 10-22. Officers from the Bureau of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs, the Bureau of Consular Affairs (one of whom was fluent in Creole) made up the team, along with an additional State Department Creole interpreter. Our mission was to contact a broad spectrum of returnees in many sections of the country to determine their situation and learn whether or not they had met with mistreatment or persecution on their return. Before the team left, we held numerous meetings with private groups and public agencies concerning the issue, both in Florida and in Washington, D.C. and these meetings provided useful background information.

The study team made courtesy calls at the outset to inform the Haitian government of our objectives and plans. The team was politely received at the highest levels of the Foreign Ministry, the Interior Ministry and the Immigration and Emigration Service. We expressed our appreciation for official Haitian cooperation and stressed our desire that the team be permitted to conduct field contacts without any official Haitian presence or participation. The Haitian government officials readily agreed. They also volunteered further information on Haitian policies and procedures toward the returnees. These comments are summarized in a later section.
Following these discussions the study team split into two interview groups travelling to different regions of the country to interview returnees. The groups returned to Port-au-Prince on May 18 and concentrated thereafter on interviews with returnees in the capital and nearby towns.

INTERVIEWS WITH RETURNEES: PROCEDURES

The team covered a broad geographical area within Haiti. In addition to the capital, we interviewed or inquired about returnees from Cap Haitien, Limbe, Limonade, St. Louis-du-Nord, Port-de-Paix, Gonaives, St. Marc and Rossignol in the north, and from Leogane, Les Cayes, St. Jean-du-Sud, Boyer, Moindre and Abacou in the south.

We were authorized to move freely about the country without government accompaniment, and our contact with authorities in the areas visited was minimal and often haphazard. We filed no set itinerary, and indeed the precise areas to be visited were often determined by the team only shortly before departure for the site, based on information or the name of a possible contact suddenly discovered. Several local figures whom we contacted in hopes of securing their help in locating returnees commented favorably on our lack of official government accompaniment. They took it as a sign that the mission was accepted and respected by the Haitian government while yet maintaining definite independence.

The interview groups used their own initiative to locate the returnees. The starting points were lists provided by the Department of Justice, containing names of Haitians who had returned during 1977, 1978, and early 1979, as well as lists of returnees from Guantanamo in September 1977 and August 1978. With the exception of the Guantanamo returnees, this information was in the public domain, having been provided last April by INS to the lawyer for the National Council of Churches. If we discovered other returnees whose names were not on the lists, however, we were equally interested in talking to those individuals. We have initiated steps since our return to check the names of such individuals against INS lists of returnees as a further verification of the accuracy of our findings, and also to determine which of the people interviewed applied to the United States for asylum.

We had been cautioned that the addresses supplied to INS by the Haitian nationals would be of little use, and the house numbers provided did indeed give an illusory
precision to those addresses. A given house may have three or more numbers assigned to it, in connection with unrelated government projects such as malaria education.

Nevertheless, the addresses did often prove adequate to get us to the general location of returnees we sought. We usually targeted areas where, according to the lists, several returnees lived, and a series of inquiries of people in the area frequently led us to a returnee from the list, or at least to a family member.

The first returnee contacted usually knew several other returnees in the area and often volunteered to gather them together later at a pre-arranged location to talk with the study team. In some other instances, we were able to work in similar fashion through local clergy or other private contacts to find returnees. Where this contact was well-respected and trusted in the community, his involvement was especially helpful in facilitating interviews. In two instances, at the urging of local contacts, a radio broadcast was used (a common procedure in Haiti) to ask named returnees to come in and speak with the team. And in many locations, simple word-of-mouth communication that the team was in the area prompted returnees to seek us out.

There was often initial suspicion of the team by returnees and some hesitation to become involved without a more complete understanding of the mission's purposes and what we planned to do with the information obtained, although the degree of hesitation varied considerably from location to location. We found it worthwhile in many cases to devote considerable time -- up to several hours -- with the initial contact explaining our purposes, the nature of our mission, and the confidentiality of information supplied by returnees. Time spent getting to know the initial contact often helped break the ice with friends or acquaintances later assembled by that individual. Clearly the role of team members skilled in Creole was crucial to this process.

The interview with returnees then followed an established outline. We began by briefly explaining the nature of the mission and promising that the information provided would remain confidential as to source. We asked for basic identifying data: name, age, occupation, family information, and then asked questions designed to have the interviewees take us chronologically through events from the time of their departure from Haiti. This included treatment in the U.S., any Haitian government contact with
families during their absence, reception upon return to Port au Prince, whether they were detained or questioned, contact with local authorities since return to the home area, any contact with American Embassy officials, and whether they had been harassed or mistreated or knew of other returnees who had been. We concluded with a request to contact the Embassy if the returnee met with harassment as a result of the interview, since we had been assured there would be no such reprisals. We also invited friends, acquaintances, and others with whom we spoke to contact the embassy if they learned of any such actions.

Most interviews lasted twenty or thirty minutes and were held in relatively private settings, although in a few instances privacy could not be arranged and the interview was held within earshot of a number of bystanders. We have tried to be sensitive to the setting in which the interview took place in assessing the information provided. Ideally, a longer time would be spent with each interviewee to gain more complete trust or at least to be in a better position to judge whether the responses were at all evasive or inhibited. Among those we interviewed, there may thus have been individuals reluctant to divulge all they knew that would be responsive to our questions. It is thus possible that particular incidents might have escaped our scrutiny. Moreover, the situation did not permit scientifically random selection of the returnees to be interviewed. Nevertheless, the exercise was designed and carried out in such a way that any widespread effort to persecute returnees, we believe, would have come to our attention. We found no evidence of such a pattern or policy.

INTERVIEWS: SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

The study team held personal interviews with 86 returnees covering a broad geographical range within Haiti. In addition, we held extensive interviews of the family members of another 11 returnees who were not themselves immediately available when the team was in their area. The account of findings below is based on the information on all 97 of these returnees. It does not include less extensive information, developed through discussions with friends or acquaintances, regarding the return and well-being of another 11 named returnees.

In general, the persons interviewed asserted that they had left for economic reasons -- to find a job, to improve their life prospects, to provide money for their families. We found no significant indication of mistreatment of returnees because of their journey to the
U.S. Organizers of the boat trips, however, have been and, we were informed by government officials, would continue to be punished for their organizing efforts. Moreover, returnees are not immune to difficulties with the authorities, on grounds other than their emigration.

Motivation for Departure. Most returnees were quite emphatic about the economic motivation for their departure. Many asserted that they had never had a job in Haiti. None stated during the interviews that political reasons caused them to leave. Some stated poignantly that for reasons of unemployment, poor weather, or poor agricultural conditions, they saw no future for themselves in Haiti, no prospect of "organizing their lives" the way they wanted. Few were shy about discussing their difficult economic situation, and many inquired quite pointedly what we meant in some cases the team and in some cases the U.S. government planned to do about the situation. Some asked us directly for cash, a job, or help in getting back to the U.S.

Their assertions about economic need were clearly supported by the evident widespread poverty and overcrowded conditions throughout Haiti. They were also corroborated by the relatively sizeable numbers of returnees, family members, and acquaintances who were available to talk to the team at whatever hour we arrived, and by the often enormous numbers of able-bodied, employment-age bystanders in the towns and villages visited.

Departure. Most returnees reported little difficulty in leaving Haiti, suggesting that the authorities devoted little attention to heading off departures. In the north, however, and especially in more recent months, there seems to have been a closer watch on potential departures, and perhaps on the actions of suspected organizers. Several persons interviewed, including one organizer of a previous voyage, reported being caught recently in Haitian waters trying to leave without proper documentation. They spent from a week to a month in jail as a result.

A few persons suggested that local authorities would crack down on departures only if not adequately paid to ignore the activity. Part of the money collected for the trips in which they were involved, they asserted, went for such a pay-off.

Many of the clergy and other nongovernmental figures with whom we talked stated that they thought the business of organizing boat trips was quite lucrative, with organizers
collecting several hundred dollars from each individual taken aboard. Based on the interviews with returnees, however, the organizers' reputation may outrun the reality (although this is a question on which it is hard to develop fully reliable information). Many returnees, particularly in the south, depicted their voyage as largely a collective effort, with individuals contributing as they could toward gathering the provisions needed to make the trip. These people described the organizer as simply a community member who happened to be the focus of activities. In the north, however, there were more people who related having paid substantially higher fees.

Treatment of Families After Departure. Rarely did whole families venture on a voyage together; thus an individual's property would be left behind in the custody of family members. In no case did we discover any government questioning or harassment of family members after the individuals departed. Some expressed surprise at the question: "How would they have known I was gone?"

Treatment by U.S. Officials. The returnees generally reported good treatment in the U.S. or at Guantanamo. Most stated that they had been asked by U.S. officials why they left Haiti. When we asked what they had said to U.S. officials, none indicated that they had filed for political asylum. (We are aware, however, that interviewees from one group who made the voyage together did assert such claims. Four members of that group were granted asylum, but the rest were returned to Haiti when it was determined after full interviews that their claims were not well-founded. We are checking with INS to determine which, if any, of the other interviewees applied for political asylum.)

Those who chose to return to Haiti after only a few days on U.S. soil generally stated that they made that choice after U.S. officials posed their options in these terms: they had the choice of voluntary return or indefinite stay in a U.S. jail. They chose return. Some said they thought "indefinite stay" meant life imprisonment.

Return to Haiti. The typical pattern upon return to Haiti began with reception by Haitian immigration officials at the airport in Port-au-Prince. Many returnees were released there and told to return home after some minor questioning (name, address, family members). Some groups were admonished
to try leaving again without proper documentation, but this did not appear to be uniform practice. Members of only a few groups recalled any contact with American Embassy officials upon return or any time since -- although the Guantanamo returnees generally reported the presence of American Embassy officials at the airport.

A significant number of returnees reported that their groups had been taken from the airport to the Caserne Dessalines, the army barracks and headquarters in the center of Port-au-Prince. Although some stated that they were quite fearful during their stay there, it appears the Caserne served essentially as an alternate location for the same minor questioning and sometimes the same admonition against leaving again. Except for organizers (discussed below) no one remained at the Caserne for more than a few hours -- most for less than an hour. None of those interviewed reported experiencing mistreatment or extensive interrogation there.

Return Home

Most returnees had to rely on their own resources to return to their home areas, although members of one Guantanamo group received $20 each from the Haitian Government for the return trip. None were required to check in with the local authorities on their return, and nearly all stated that they had not been mistreated or even questioned by local police or other authorities since their return. A few thought they were the subject of special attention or surveillance, but most returnees expected no problems with the authorities connected with their return.

A handful of interviewees mentioned some knowledge of instances of imprisonment or beating of a returnee. The team pursued all such leads. Our efforts included a visit to a remote area with an interviewee who thought he could put us in touch with the alleged victims. Though we found several returnees there, we discovered no support for the claim, except in one respect. One of the returnees in that area had been identified as an organizer, and he had indeed spent time in prison as a result. Based on the nature of the reports we heard and on our later interviews with a number of organizers or others who were the claimed victims, it is quite likely that the reports of imprisonment or mistreatment were based on the situations of organizers.
Only one reported incident fell outside this pattern. A number of those interviewed stated that a named returnee was beaten to set an example for those intending illegal emigration. In our interview, however, that individual himself placed the incident in a different light. He stated that he was denounced to the authorities for a matter not related to his emigration and return. He was physically beaten as a result, but he stated that the beating stopped suddenly when it came out that he was a returnee from the U.S. and he was then promptly released.

Organizers

The Haitian Government's policy is to punish those who organize boat trips to the U.S. This policy was widely known among interviewees and among the non-governmental figures with whom we talked. Organizers are charged with an offense that essentially amounts to fraud or breach of contract.

One organizer who spent three months in jail stated that the judge explained his offense to him in these terms: "You took money from these people, and now (following an unsuccessful voyage) you are unable to pay it back." This individual had been detained for a week before he was brought before the judge, but he explained that the death of the judge's wife was all that prevented him from appearing the day after his arrest.

Another organizer spent one day in jail following his first trip, and then about a month in jail when caught in Haitian waters attempting a second voyage. His companions on the second try also spent shorter periods in jail because of the attempt.

DISCUSSIONS WITH HAITIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL CONTACTS

In our calls upon Haitian Government officials, we were told in some detail about the official position on Haitian emigrants and their policies regarding those who return. The official Haitian position is that virtually all of the Haitians seeking entry into the U.S., including those who continue to
depart illegally, are motivated entirely by economic factors; they wish to find jobs or better paying employment than is currently available in Haiti. The outflow derives from Haiti's continuing economic underdevelopment. This is the root problem and its solution is the key to halting the flow of people to the United States.

Although departure without travel documents and exit authorization is itself an offense punishable under Haitian law, such offenses are rarely prosecuted. The Haitian government has taken the position that the typical emigrant's sale of possessions to pay for the travel, combined with the embarrassment of failure to gain entry into the U.S., itself constitutes "punishment enough." Emigrants therefore are generally allowed to depart freely from official custody within hours of their return to Haiti, following processing that is limited to filling in a brief questionnaire. The stated exceptions to the rule of release upon return, according to Haitian officials, are those returnees who are identified as organizers, those who have arranged voyages as an illicit and sometimes lucrative business venture. Large fines and imprisonment, described as generally for a period of several months but usually less than a year, were stated to be the punishment meted out by Haitian courts.

An apparently close linkage exists in the Haitian government's view between the commonly low socio-economic status of virtually every emigrant and the extremely limited incidence of what authorities consider to be true political exiles. By virtue of lack of education, typically extending to functional illiteracy, the average emigrant apparently is viewed as politically unaware and therefore excluded from actual or potential participation in anti-government political activities. It was indicated that there would be cases -- a very small number -- where an individual who had been actively involved in political opposition to the Duvalier regime would be detained for special questioning. The individual might be liable to prosecution before a special tribunal, and a claim for asylum in the U.S. by such an individual might be treated as defamation of the nation. It was claimed, however, that no such cases have occurred in recent years and that none are pending, nor have any been brought to this tribunal since its establishment 12 to 18 months ago.
It was also suggested that in actual practice the Haitian government would prefer that what, in their view, is a small number of real opponents of the Duvalier regime remain in the U.S. Otherwise, officials suggested, the Haitian government would face the virtual certainty of renewed and intense international criticism resulting from legal sanctions that the Government says it would feel obliged to take against this group upon their return. Indeed, the remarks of some officials suggested that re-entry permission might actually be denied to known political exiles to preclude such an international reaction. Some officials stated also that a second, if still numerically small group of suspected political dissidents -- as distinct from those with established records as activists -- would be admitted to Haiti and subjected to official monitoring of their movements and activities, but not to imprisonment or other sanctions. It was repeatedly stressed, however, that the great bulk of the nearly 9,000 Haitians were viewed as economic "refugees" in whom there was no official interest once they were returned.

We also spoke with knowledgeable nongovernmental sources in Haiti, including religious and voluntary organization leaders, some of whom were critical of the overall political situation. Their comments were generally consistent with the official explanation of policy towards returnees. None knew of legal prosecution, imprisonment, or any other form of punishment of returnees in recent years, with the exception of the trip organizers, and several said flatly that the charges of persecution were untrue. Some were critical of the neglect of economic development needs that prompted Haitians to seek entry into the U.S. These sources also stated their view that, when compared to the situation under Francois Duvalier, there had indeed been significant liberalization of government controls and a significant reduction in human rights abuses under Jean-Claude Duvalier. Several noted, however, that the improvement remained largely a matter of grace, and that abuses are not unknown. Institutional guarantees against such actions, such as a well-functioning independent judiciary, have not come into being, although there are some signs of growing willingness among educated citizens to voice opposition to what are regarded as repressive government measures.

**CONCLUSIONS**

We found no evidence of a pattern or policy of mistreatment or punishment of those who have been to the U.S., except that trip organizers are subject to criminal penalties, a
practice that would not ordinarily give rise to a claim of persecution within the meaning of the Protocol. Moreover, the interviews indicated that most Haitian migrants come to the U.S. drawn by the prospect of economic opportunity and not fleeing political persecution.

These findings hardly make the Haitians' reasons for migrating unworthy or objectionable. On the contrary, this country has had an important tradition of major contributions by immigrants who came to enjoy economic opportunities unavailable in their homelands, and Haiti has a tradition of supplying migrant labor to other Caribbean countries. One must also express some admiration for those willing to brave the substantial risks of a long voyage in a small boat in order to improve their lot and that of their families. In today's world, however, immigration doors are not open to all would-be immigrants, and economic motives, however admirable, do not translate into a right under the Protocol to asylum. Barring a legislative change, individuals in these circumstances are not entitled to remain in the U.S. as refugees.

If the majority are not likely to be entitled to asylum under the Protocol, nevertheless it remains clear that some who leave Haiti might very well establish that their fear of political persecution is well-founded. There is no way to know, apart from close examination of the facts in each case, whether a given applicant falls into this category. Our findings should not be read as a signal to reduce the care with which each Haitian asylum claim is reviewed under the established procedures. Rather, this study stemmed from an abiding U.S. commitment to honor its obligations under the Protocol -- toward Haitian nationals as well as all others -- and that commitment continues.
APPENDIX IV:

STATEMENTS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD
ON HAITIAN REFUGEES

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 2, 1980

The Honorable Jimmy Carter
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We strongly support your commitment to the protection of human rights, and your decision to increase the admission of refugees from Southeast Asia, over 230,000 of whom have already been admitted.

We are cognizant of the burdens of the Presidency. We wish to bring to your attention the plight of approximately 10,000 Haitian refugees in Florida, who have fled Haiti in small groups since 1972.

These Haitian refugees are America's "boat people." They are the survivors of a harrowing flight from oppression. Most have risked their lives to voyage 800 miles of dangerous ocean in flimsy sailboats. Many of their family and friends have drowned. All have suffered greatly.

These Haitian refugees seek asylum in the United States. Their pleas for refuge have not been heard. Many have languished in South Florida for 6 or 7 years. They are uncertain of their fate, and in great fear of forced return to Haiti.

We are convinced by evidence from a wide variety of sources that these Haitian refugees would face persecution and even death if returned to Haiti. Uncontradicted testimony recently given by numerous witnesses in federal court proceedings, and before the InterAmerican Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States, establishes that pursuant to orders issued by high Haitian government officials, Haitian refugees deported from the United States systematically have been arrested, imprisoned and even tortured and executed upon arrival in their homeland. Our concerns are further heightened by recent events in Haiti, including a new censorship law applicable to Haitian and foreign journalists, and the violent disruption by Haitian government agents of a meeting of the Haitian Human Rights League. The President of the League was severely injured, and a U. S. Embassy official was beaten.
On December 4, 1979, Attorney General Civiletti heard hours of public testimony from Florida public officials, civic leaders, and many refugees regarding human rights conditions in Haiti and the extreme human suffering of Haitian refugees currently residing in South Florida. Health officials stated that the primary health problem facing the refugees is no longer malnutrition, but starvation. The plight of "boat people" was also considered on December 14 and 20, 1979, during and following the debate in the House of Representatives on the Refugee Reform Act of 1979.

In our judgment, the record of these proceedings and debates, numerous reports from Amnesty International and Dade County officials, and other public accounts of the suffering Haitian refugees in South Florida have endured over the last seven years, establishes that granting them asylum in the United States is the only humane and practical solution to their plight. However, the parole authority of the Attorney General, which has been used to grant refuge to Cuban, Indochinese and other refugees, terminates on or about May 17, 1980. We fervently hope that the Attorney General will exercise his parole authority one last time to grant refuge to those Haitian refugees currently in the United States.

Although the number of Haitian refugees is relatively small, the principle of according them humane and equal treatment is fundamental to our laws and our national conscience. Giving them assurance of a haven is long overdue. Also overdue is federal assumption of some responsibility for providing needed social services to the refugees, a responsibility which the churches, Florida and Dade County have borne alone. Exercise of the parole authority would best resolve these critical matters.

On behalf of a spectrum of religious and secular groups, we urge that these 10,000 Haitian "boat people" should be granted asylum. In the hope of soon ending their anguish, we urgently request an appointment with you as soon as possible before April 21, 1980.

Respectfully,

Shirley Chisholm
Shirley Chisholm, NC

Senator Patrick Moynihan

Senator Dick Stone

Shirley Chisholm, NC

Senator Dick Stone

Senator Patrick Moynihan
WILLIAM LEHMAN, M.C.

Mickey Leland, M.C.

WALTER FAUNTOY, M.C.

HELVIN EVANS, M.C.

WILLIAM GRAY, M.C.

RONALD DELLUMS, M.C.

FREDERICK RICHMOND, M.C.

ROBERT GARCIA, M.C.

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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AMERICA

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY - TREASURER
HOME MISSION BOARD, SOUTHERN
BAPTIST CONFERENCE

H. Edward Jean
FATHER CLAUD JEAN
HAITIAN FATHERS OF THE HOLY
GHOST - MIAMI, FLORIDA

Rev. William Jones
PRESIDENT - PROGRESSIVE
NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION
The Other Refugees

If U.S. refugee policy looks bureaucratic in its response to the Cubans jamming the Peruvian embassy in Havana, it looks even worse in its response to this month's other refugee phenomenon, the flood of Haitian boat people. In the last 10 days, nearly 1,000 have beached their leaky boats on south Florida's shoreline, to the astonishment of tourists and sunbathers. The record-setting arrivals bring the year’s total to more than 3,000.

Compared to Cuban and Vietnamese numbers, the Haitian problem is small, even counting some 25,000 illegal arrivals in previous years whose status is still at issue in federal court. But the government response has been indefensible. The State Department considers the Haitians to be economic, not political, refugees, and the prime goal of the Justice Department has been to deport them as quickly as possible. The haste is such, according to The Washington Post, that immigration officials knowingly planned to violate due process in their screening. A court suit has temporarily blocked this, but the policy stands.

It appears that humanitarian groups were mistaken in believing that the Kennedy-Holtzman Refugee Act of 1980, signed last month by President Carter, meant to liberalize the U.S. definition of “refugee.” The State Department assures us that the act merely codifies the existing UN standard of a person facing “persecution because of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or for holding particular political opinions.” As applied by State, this standard excludes almost all Haitian boat people.

We grant that the status of the Haitians shades into the economic question of “illegal aliens.” The new arrivals may be flooding in under the false idea they are beating a deadline for amnesty set by the new law. It may be, as State maintains, no general policy of revenge awaits deportees. But few people who have looked closely at Haiti would doubt that the regime there is oppressive and if the word refugee has any meaning, surely most of the people fleeing that regime can call themselves refugees.

The administration may be trying to avoid an insult to a “friendly” government. It may even, as the ubiquitous Rev. Jesse Jackson proclaims, be applying a racist double standard. Whatever the source, the policy toward the Haitian boat people is inappropriate for an administration so proudly devoted to human rights.
EXILES: Haitians who flee a harsh regime need our help

THEY ARE the new “boat people,” harried farmers from the West Indian nation of Haiti, among the poorest of the poor. They are flooding Miami, wave after wave of them washing up onto its shores. Are they mere illegal aliens? Or have they, like the Indochinese, taken to their boats to escape stark repression?

It is a debate that will gain steam. The Haitians do not prick our consciences as did the Cambodians and Vietnamese. We never bombed their soil. Nor will they help us to prove a political point, as did the Cubans seeking refuge in the Peruvian Embassy in Havana. They are only a desperately poor people running out of options.

Haiti is one of the least developed countries in the hemisphere. Farmers raise barely enough food to keep their families alive. In some parts of the country, they must anchor themselves with ropes to keep from sliding down hills. The life span in Haiti is about 33 years.

Their political regimen has been just as harsh. Francois “Papa Doc” Duvalier, the country doctor who declared himself president for life in 1964, ruled as a dictator until his death in 1971. His son’s administration has been little better.

Participants in a massive human rights rally in Port-au-Prince last year were beaten, reportedly by the secret police. The founder of a fledgling opposition party was arrested. Refugees report having spent years in jail merely for knowing someone suspected of anti-government sentiments. Haitian exile Patrick Lemoine, writing in the March issue of Inquiry magazine, claims he was thrown into Haiti’s Dessalines prison after the wife of an arrested friend told officials he must have been implicated in any plot of her husband’s. Six years later, Lemoine says, he was released following American officials’ criticism of the Haitian regime. He managed to immigrate to New York instead.

Yet the State Department says the Haitian migrants do not deserve asylum, as did the Cubans, because they are only seeking economic opportunity. That is specious reasoning at best.

President Carter used new emergency powers to admit 3,500 Cubans fleeing the Castro regime. He must be willing to take similar action on behalf of the Haitians. In the hard-bitten world of refugees, political and economic hardships often go hand in hand. The Cubans resent their government because it has mismanaged the economy — and their lives. The Haitians face political reprisals for objecting to economic conditions. Two sides of the same coin. The Haitians are a people in grave circumstances. They need our help.
MIAMI, April 18—Like guileless waifs they had sailed, 29 of them in a rickety boat for 11 days, enduring 290 miles of ocean from Haiti to a land where men breathe free air and walk streets paved with gold.

When this contingent of America's "black boat people" innocently have flown to an airlift in Miami Beach last weekend, U.S. immigration agents swooped in and arrested them as illegal aliens attempting to enter the country.

They were processed, turned over to Dade County officials and plunged into frightful doubt about their future—whether this is their land of opportunity or their prison and persecution in Haiti.

Such scenes have become nearly daily occurrences in south Florida this month. The United States has had its attention focused on the flow of new refugees, its Cuban refugees, its Soviet Jews and its Hungarian freedom fighters, but it has never experienced a boat movement quite like this.

And, because of the Haitians, the thesis that the United States is the ultimate haven and protector for the world's tattered underdogs is facing its most severe test.

In the last week alone, 927 Haitian boat people have been taken into custody. In the last six weeks, more than 1,000 of them—all black, mostly refugees from Haiti, and some small peasants—have landed on Florida shores. So look for work as an agent.

They have found no legal work, detention, a hostile U.S. immigration service, a sympathetic but outnumbered Cuban community, an airlift to Miami, a federal judge to extend the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment.

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in an American Sea of Plenty

but it was not fair for the oldest son to stay home and not work. I went three years with my mouth closed. I could not talk about the government. If I did, I could get no job. When you are not part of the government family, you are not allowed to work or do anything." Antoine said through an interpreter.

"I expect to work here and send money back home. I can't tell what will happen to me if I am sent back. But your police and your INS know I am here, and I feel I have no problem now," he said.

Antoine and the other Haitians may stay through the duration of the litigation-appeals could carry the case on for months—or if President Carter grants the asylum the Haitians' sympathizers urge.

In a subtle way, this muscular black man was making the point that lawyers Schey, Rick Swartz and Ira Kurzban have tried at length to stress in their suit to Judge James Lawrence King. The point is that in a society such as Haiti's, where the Duvalier family has reigned for decades and where the average annual income is $522, there is no good way to separate economics from politics, as the INS has attempted to do.

Attorney Bryan O. Walsh, director of the Catholic Services Bureau here and a veteran worker with refugees from many lands, testified in the trial that he did not believe every Haitian arriving here is entitled to asylum, but, he said, "The vast majority of the Haitians that come here in small boats, risking their lives from considerable personal danger, do so because they have a real fear of persecution."

In Dade County, Walsh said, it has come to be understood that Cubans and Nicaraguans automatically receive political asylum from INS, while Haitians do not—a suggestion of government racism.

But another witness, former Duvalier presidential guard Daniel Voltaire, himself a boat person, left no doubt about the immigrants' status once they are shipped back to Haiti.

He said that between 1972 and 1979, when he was in the elite guard unit, his orders were to treat all returnees as traitors who had gone abroad to raise money to spy on and work against the Duvalier government.

"Everybody that comes from abroad in a canoquin [traitor] is our duty is to destroy a canoquin," he said.

Attorney Swartz of Washington said, "My own feeling is that this case has raised serious questions about foreign policy. Haiti is worse than the regimes of Iran and Nicaragua that have been overturned. I just hope that our policies will be made on the basis of facts."

The trial is expected to continue through next week. Saturday, many of the Haitians will attend the funeral of a boat refugee who died this week, and then will march to a rally outside INS headquarters here to hear the Rev. Jesse Jackson and other sympathizers urge the Carter administration to grant the Haitians asylum now.

2 Convicted in Deaths Of 6 Haitian Refugees

WEST PALM BEACH, April 18 (AP) — A circuit court jury tonight convicted two men of manslaughter charges in the drownings of a Haitian mother and her five children during an alleged refugee-smuggling operation.

After deliberating about six hours, the jury also found boat captain Jeffrey Hastings, 30, of Hypoluxo, guilty of three counts of assault. Codefendant James Knowles, 19, a Bahamian deckhand, was acquitted of assault charges.

Each defendant had been charged with six counts of first-degree murder in the August incident off Florida's Gold Coast. Eleven of the 17 refugees aboard the 23-foot cabin cruiser survived.
U.S. Formulated a Haitian Refugee 'Solution'

By Ward Sinclair  
Washington Post Staff Writer  
MIAMI, April 19—Despite doubts about the legality of what they were doing, U.S. immigration officials two summers ago set up a program aimed at speedy, wholesale deportation of Haitian refugees from south Florida.

Documents made public in U.S. District Court here this week suggest that the Immigration and Naturalization Service knowingly ignored usual processes and decided to single out the Haitian "boat people" for deportation.

The memos and policy papers provide an unusual insight into workings of the INS and its parent Department of Justice in their efforts to cope with an influx of thousands of Haitians seeking political asylum in the United States.

The legality of the INS efforts and the denial of due process to the Haitians is a key issue in the trial of a suit brought by the National Council of Churches and civil rights organizations.

A picture that emerges from the INS documents in one of alarm over an "invasion" of south Florida by the Haitians and the creation of an assembly-line processing program to deny asylum and send the boat people home.

Attorneys for the thousands of illegal refugees here maintain that they are fleeing the tyranny of the Duvalier regime in Haiti and must be considered political refugees. The government insists that they are "economic" refugees who must be returned to Haiti.

A flood of several thousand new refugees in recent weeks, all arriving on small private boats or brought here by smugglers, has intensified debate over the Haitians' status in Florida.

Local officials estimate that at least 25,000 Haitians have come here illegally in the last decade, putting an increasing strain on private and public assistance programs.

The litigation has prevented INS from moving ahead with its deportation program. The refugees, meanwhile, with support from civil rights groups, are mounting a campaign to win asylum by presidential decree.

Several hundred of them marched to the INS headquarters in downtown Miami today to hear the Rev. Jesse Jackson of Chicago, a new advocate of their cause, pledge to take an appeal for asylum to President Carter next week.

"There is room in the United States for Cubans trying to escape from oppression; there is room for Haitians trying to escape oppression," Jackson told the cheering marchers.

While the Haitians were turning to the streets, their legal battle was being fought in Judge James Lawrence King's courtroom. King is expected to rule on the class-action suit in several weeks.

At one point during the trial, the judge equated the fearsome Haitian prisons with INS processing rooms—decorated with visit-Haiti tourist posters—where tightly packed refugees were forced to stand for hours before seeing ill-trained INS examiners.

The Justice and INS memos, however, may turn out to be crucial elements in King's decision. They lay out an expulsion policy whose legality was being questioned by some INS officials.

The policy apparently was directed by former associate attorney general Michael J. Egan, who instructed INS to move quickly to process claims and suspend issuance of work permits to the refugees.

The documents show that as Egan's order moved down the line through INS, it took on new urgency as different officials added their interpretations and instructions to acting Regional Director Richard Gullage.

One memo, written by INS Associate Commissioner Charles C. Seve, capsulized the federal policy: "The best, most practical deterrent to this problem is expulsion from the United States."

Other documents showed an intense interest by the State Department and the White House in dealing with the increasing flow of Haitians.

A summary of an August 1978 meeting said that the State Department would urge INS to revoke work permits of Haitians arriving here, while the department would mount "a prop

2 Years Ago

agenda campaign" in the Caribbean to discourage Haitians from leaving home.

Other approaches were planned to persuade the Bahamas to crack down on smugglers taking Haitians to Florida and to get the Duvalier regime to agree publicly not to retaliate against returning Haitians.

Under law, Carter has until May 15 to declare blanket amnesty for the Haitians, a move that administration officials say is unlikely because it might set precedent as an open invitation for more Haitians to come here.

Most of the Haitian boat people, they face torture and imprisonment as "traitors" and "spies" by the Duvalier regime if they are sent home.

Today's march followed a rally and funeral mass for four boat people—one who died while in INS detention and three unidentified refugees whose bodies washed onto Florida shores.

The bodies rested in plain caskets at the front of a church auditorium, while Haitian leaders and local civil rights activists exhorted the crowd in French-Creole and English.
1,000 March to Urge Asylum for Haitians

BY FRED GRIMM
AND FREDRIC TASKER

Refugees confined in the Carver Hotel could see more than 1,000 people on the street outside the old building Saturday, waving placards, shouting slogans and demanding that Haitians be granted asylum.

Through the dirty windows of the Miami ghetto hotel, where they've been locked up since they made their way to Florida last week, the 60 women and children inside watched national civil rights leaders Jesse Jackson at the front of the demonstration, admirers and reporters swarming around him.

Jackson led the march past the hotel, through the streets into downtown Miami and then promised another demonstration today. He talked of marches on Washington next month. He said the old Civil Rights era would be cranked up to stop wholesale deportation of Haitians.

“We must raise the consciousness of the nation,” he said. “The problem has escalated.”

IT HAS. In the last nine days, 975 Haitians have come into South Florida. At 6 a.m. Saturday morning, 38 relatively lucky Haitians debarked in Miami from the luxury liner Song of Norway. They had been pulled from their rickety wooden fishing boat Friday night seven miles off the coast of Cuba. The same night, seven more were picked up by police near the Intracoastal Waterway in Hallanle. They'll be placed in temporary quarters by the Immigration officials, such as the National Guard armory in Homestead or the old Carver Hotel.

The hotel is catty-corner from the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. As the crowd waited for Jackson, pall bearers carried four caskets inside. One contained the body of Elidore Francois, who died Monday night at the Homestead armory. Another carried the bodies of Eliodor Francois and 134 others landed their crude wooden sailboat on Miami Beach. In the other three caskets were bodies, still unidentified, washed ashore two weeks ago at Surfside.

Marier Portier fears they were dumped overboard by unscrupulous smugglers. “They came fleeing an oppressive country only to be forced to jump into the ocean by some smuggler rather than be shot,” said Portier, a member of the Haitian Support Committee.

RICH SWARTZ watched grimly. He noted that two smugglers accused of pushing a Haitian mother and her five children off a boat to their deaths were convicted of manslaughter in West Palm Beach last week. “At least it was manslaughter,” he said. “At least there were some convictions.”

Swartz is involved in a lawsuit now being tried in U.S. District Court in Miami that seeks to prove that Haitians are in fact, political, not economic refugees as the U.S. State Department contends.

But Jackson, a guest of the Dade NAACP, told a crowd that the State Department’s Immigration Policy is decided by economics or politics but by race. “The distinction is whether you’re black or whether you’re white,” he said.

But he warned against divisiveness and said he plans to meet with Cuban leaders during his three-day stay in Miami. “We can’t get trapped in a Cuban-Haitian struggle,” Jackson said.

THE CROWD gave Jackson a huge ovation, though many were Haitians who spoke no English. They followed him out of the church and through the deteriorating black neighborhoods known as Overtown.

Singing We Shall Overcome, demonstrators walked past the tall, forbidding federal building and circled once around the Dade County Courthouse before Jackson mounted the steps and once again took the microphone.

He said he would meet next week with President Carter to try and persuade him to grant political asylum for the Haitians before May 17, when the new Refugee Act of 1980 transfers that power to Congress.

He promised the Haitians that they would prevail. “The day of liberation is coming.”
Tales of Oppression

Testimony Highlights Right-to-Asylum Suit

By JANE DAUGHERTY

A Haitian refugee haltingly testified Tuesday that he was so severely beaten in Haiti in 1977 that he suffered brain damage.

Solivece Romet, 34, said U.S. immigration officials three times denied his applications for political asylum. He and hundreds of others, he said, were beaten to death by the Haitian police at the Tontons Macoute headquarters.

Romet said he was unable to see his mother or two children for weeks after his arrest. He said he had no speech impediment before the beating at the Haitian prison.

The suit claims that hundreds of Haitians were beaten to death at the Tontons Macoute headquarters. The suit also claims that the Haitian police routinely used torture to extract confessions from the Haitians.

Romet said he was unable to see his mother or two children for weeks after his arrest. He said he had no speech impediment before the beating at the Haitian prison.

Government attorneys defending INS argue that only Congress can change immigration policy and that INS has only been processing the Haitians' claims as quickly as possible.
April 16, 1980

President Jimmy Carter
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The American Jewish Committee is deeply concerned over the plight of the Haitian boat people now seeking asylum in the United States. Approximately 10,000 face deportation back to a country where their situation was so acute that they risked their lives to escape to America in search of freedom and opportunity.

A grant of asylum to these Haitian refugees would be consistent with the compassionate actions your administration has taken on issues of immigration. We staunchly supported your decision to double the number of Indochinese boat people allowed into the United States. We have endorsed your human rights initiatives. Most recently, we applaud your action in admitting to the United States a substantial number of Cubans who last week sought refuge in the Peruvian embassy in Havana.

We call on you to apply these same principles of openness and welcome by granting asylum to the Haitian boat people. Such an action would reflect the dedication to principles of fairness and human rights which our nation has always upheld and which the American Jewish Committee has consistently advocated. We urge you to take this step.

Sincerely,

Richard Maass

RM/eb
THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE RESPECTFULLY URGES THAT YOU MOVE IMMEDIATELY TO EXERCISE YOUR EXISTING EMERGENCY POWERS TO GRANT POLITICAL REFUGEE STATUS TO THE THOUSANDS OF HAITIANS WHO HAVE ARRIVED AND WILL CONTINUE TO ARRIVE IN THIS COUNTRY IN FLIGHT FROM THE NATIVE LAND. THE TREATMENT ACCORDERED THEM BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS CALLS INTO QUESTION OUR OWN COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND IS IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO THE TREATMENT GIVEN OTHER REFUGEES FROM OTHER NATIONS SUCH AS CUBA AND VIETNAM. THE FLIGHT OF THESE INNOCENT PEOPLE WHO RISK THEIR LIVES TO COME TO THESE SHORES DEMANDS ACTION NOW.

WE ASK YOUR INTERVENTION.

VERNON E. JORDAN, JR.
PRESIDENT
NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE
500 E. 62nd St/
New York, N. Y. 10021
April 18, 1980

TO:

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

In furtherance of the continuing concern of the Church in the United States on behalf of our Haitian brothers and sisters in Florida, I earnestly request that the discretionary authority of the Attorney General be invoked to admit on parole as a group the 10,000 Haitians presently in the State of Florida undergoing expulsion proceedings. Such timely action is required now in view of the restriction of the use of this authority for this purpose after May 16. By taking this initiative you can guarantee the safeguarding of their human rights and obviate the necessity of prolonged, costly litigation in the future.

Bishop Thomas C. Kelly
General Secretary
National Conference of Catholic Bishops
United States Catholic Conference
President Jimmy Carter  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I join the numerous organizations and individuals in urging that the United States grant asylum to the 10,000 Haitians who are seeking refuge in this country.

U.S. authorities have denied persecution claims by these boat people from Haiti, and attempts, without due process of law, are being made to expel them from our shores.

Testimony from reliable international bodies concerned for human rights around the world have documented a pattern of arbitrary arrests, torture, and execution of these Haitians returning voluntarily or involuntarily to Haiti.

Mr. President, your authority to grant parole status to these boat people from Haiti not only will remedy the heavy backlog of cases regarding refugees, but will also show to the world the commitment of the United States for human rights everywhere.

Sincerely yours,

(The Rev.) Winston W. Ching  
Executive Officer  
Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry

WWC/acp

cc: The Honorable Peter Rodino  
The Honorable Elizabeth Holtzman  
The Honorable Edward Kennedy

bcc: Haitian Refugee Project
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I commend your support for the Refugee Act of 1980, which you signed into law this last March 17. As a nation of immigrants and refugees, it is appropriate that we should have a comprehensive, non-discriminatory refugee policy.

I therefore join the increasing number of religious and secular individuals and organizations urging that you exercise your authority to grant asylum ("parole": political refugee status) - by May 17 - to the 10,000 Haitians, black boat people, currently seeking refuge in this country.

In the Social Statement of the Lutheran Church in America on "Human Rights," we declare:

"Oppression appears to be more widespread and systematic. There are countless refugees from political tyranny and economic hardship. Imprisonment and torture are commonplace in many countries irrespective of ideology or political alignment. Persons of conscience, rather than being valued as resources to the community, are frequently treated as subversives by those in power. Privacy and due process are violated in the name of security. The practice of religion is often curtailed or prohibited, and the faithful are harassed, imprisoned, or even killed. The use of terror by both governments and private groups constitutes a serious threat to human rights.

"We confess that humans are created in God's image. God intends human beings for divine fellowship and for community with one another in mutual service. Human beings have rights in order to fulfill the intention of their Creator.

"Our concern for human rights arises from God's call to the faithful to participate in the care of creation and in the advancement of justice.

"In responding to that call, we work in partnership with all persons and communities of good will to seek, articulate, and advocate the
The President

April 24, 1980

rights of all persons, particularly those without voice and power
of their own. We seek to strengthen a constituency of conscience
that transcends national boundaries and other arbitrary human
distinctions.

"When the powers of this world work to reduce the bearers of God's
image to the status of spectator, prisoner, or victim, may we be
empowered to bear witness to that lively justice which is God's
holy intention for the entire creation."

Therefore, since the parole authority will be too severely restricted
to allow for a group parole program after May 17 and a case-by-case review
of the backlog of thousands of cases would take many years and millions of
dollars, it is evident that this is the critical opportunity to use the
parole authority - one last time - to remedy the injustices the Haitians have
endured for the last seven years and to begin to move our nation on the path
toward an equitable and just refugee policy.

Sincerely,

James R. Crumley, Jr.

JRC:bf

cc: Congressman Peter Rodino
Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman
Congressman Edward Kennedy

bcc: Haitian Refugee Project
OAS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS REQUESTS U.S.
STOP DEPORTING HAITIAN REFUGEES

The International Human Rights Law Group reported today that the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, in an apparently unprecedented decision, has sent a telegram to Secretary of State Cyrus Vance requesting that the U.S. refrain from deporting Haitian "boat people" to Haiti, pending the Commission's own investigation of the situation. The request, made "for humanitarian reasons," is the result of a complaint filed by the International Human Rights Law Group on behalf of the National Council of Churches.

The complaint, filed with the Commission last June, alleges widespread violations of the due process rights of Haitians claiming political asylum in the U.S. Over 2,000 Haitians have arrived in Florida since January of this year. The complaint focuses particularly on the plight of those boat people who are allegedly coerced by INS agents into "voluntarily" returning to Haiti without being advised of their right to request asylum.
The Commission sent this telegram after hearing testimony presented by an immigration attorney from Miami working with the National Council of Churches, the Director of the Miami Haitian Refugee Center and attorneys from the Law Group.

The Human Rights Commission, which is an organ of the Organization of American States, has recently concluded a study of the political situation in Haiti, and its report is expected to be issued soon. In view of allegations by the National Council of Churches that Haitian refugees are persecuted upon their return to Haiti, the Commission has taken the unusual step of seeking to prevent their deportation while the case is under study by the Commission.

Similar issues are raised in a suit presently before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Haitian Refugee Center v. Civiletti; and a preliminary injunction has been granted suspending the deportation of Haitian refugees.

The Commission, which emphasized that its telegram to the U.S. did not constitute an advance judgment of the issues raised in the complaint, is expected to continue its investigation of the case at its next meeting, scheduled for June.

A copy of the telegram is attached. For further information, contact Amy Young-Anawaty, Executive Director, International Human Rights Law Group, 1700 K Street, N.W., Suite 801, Washington, D.C. 20006, 202/659-5023.
TO HIS EXCELLENCY
CHELS W. VANCE
SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT
THE CASE OF HAITIAN REFUGEE V. CIVIELLI (CASE N° 79-2036-CIV-JLX,
U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA) IS ABOUT TO GO
TO TRIAL AND THAT FINDING THE OUTCOME OF THE LITIGATION A PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION HAS BEEN GRANTED IN THAT CASE, SUSPENDING THE DEPORTATION
OF HAITIAN CITIZENS WHO HAD BEEN DENIED ASYLUM AS POLITICAL REFUGEES
IN THE UNITED STATES.

AS YOUR EXCELLENCY IS AWARE, THE COMMISSION HAS BEFORE IT CASE N° 3224,
IN WHICH IT IS ALLEGED THAT DUE PROCESS GUARANTEES ARE VIOLATED IN THE
GRANTING OR DENIAL OF POLITICAL ASYLUM TO HAITIAN REFUGEES AND THAT
MANY OF THESE "DANGEROUS" PEOPLE ARE COERCED INTO IMMEDIATELY RETURNING TO
HAITI BEFORE THEY CAN EVEN PRESENT THEIR CLAIMS. FOR HUMANITARIAN
REASONS, THE COMMISSION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT, EVEN SHOULD THE
DECISION OF THE DISTRICT COURT BE ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSION BY REFRAINING
FROM ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE DEPORTATION OF HAITIAN CITIZENS SEEKING POLITICAL ASYLUM WHILE THE CASE IS UNDER STUDY BY THE
COMMISSION. WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS REQUEST DOES NOT CONSTITUTE
IN ANY WAY JUDGMENT IN ADVANCE OF THE ADMISSIBILITY OR MERITS
OF THE CASE.

EDUARDO VARGAS CARIÑO
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
United States of America, Washington, D.C.

Luis Deme!o Tetoco Castro
CHAIRMAN

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Dear Friend:

In the past week over 900 Haitian refugees have survived the 800-mile journey from Haiti to land on our southern Florida shores, men, women and children who are our Atlantic boat people. They seek freedom but continue to be received with hostility and unfair treatment. We once again ask your help.

Since 1972 Church World Service, the relief and development arm of the National Council of Churches, has advocated for the rights of Haitians who seek asylum in this country. The recently passed Refugee Act of 1980 states that all refugees will receive equal treatment on our shores. This continues to be denied to Haitians. Our time is short. We need President Carter, Senators, Congresspersons and local media to hear your voice by letter or telegram urging the President to grant Parole to the Haitian refugees before May 17, 1980. (After May 17 the Refugee Act of 1980 mandates the President to use a complicated consultation process to grant group parole.) Please help us speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John Tenhula
Immigration Consultant
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April 18, 1980

Enclosures:
Haitian Refugees Need Asylum:

A Briefing Paper

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The integrity of our refugee policy depends on its even-handed application...

The question of Haitian refugees is fundamentally a moral question, and men and women of conscience must speak out to assure them asylum in the United States.

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Introduction

A new group of boat people continues to risk their lives to sail 800 miles across open seas to find refuge and freedom in America. Many have drowned along the way. Unfortunately, these refugees are finding that they are not welcome in America, despite their documented claims to persecution. They are being told, quite simply, to go back home.

These new boat people are Haitians. For the last seven years they have been fleeing from a reign of persecution and terror in their homeland. Innumerable religious bodies, newspapers, academic studies, political leaders and other public figures have urged that they be granted asylum in America. The Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States Government, however, claims that they seek only greater economic opportunity, and are not genuine political refugees.

In this briefing paper, prepared by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., these issues will be studied. Based on a careful first-hand questioning of the Haitian refugees and on other evidence, the National Council of Churches, a supporter of asylum for Haitian refugees since 1972, believes that Haitian "boat people" are not simply seeking greater economic opportunity but are genuine political refugees and should be treated accordingly. Expert witnesses have testified in federal court that they face grave harm if deported to Haiti.
In addressing the issue of asylum for Haitian refugees, this paper will examine four basic questions:

1. Why are Haitians fleeing to America?
2. How are they being treated upon their arrival here?
3. What happens to these refugees when they are sent back to Haiti?
4. Will granting asylum to Haitians already in the United States mean that many more will soon follow?

In conclusion, this paper will suggest what should be done immediately to help Haitian refugees.
1. Why Are Haitians Fleeing to America?

The Reality of Continuing Persecution

Haitians are fleeing to America because they face widespread persecution and terror at home. A report in 1973 by Amnesty International, one of the most widely-respected human rights organizations in the world, reported:

Haiti's prisons are still filled with people who have spent many years in detention without ever being charged or brought to trial. Amnesty International remains seriously concerned with the continued repression of dissent in Haiti and the denial of human and legal rights. The variety of torture to which the detainee is subjected is incredible: clubbing to death, maiming of the genitals, food deprivation to the point of starvation, and the insertion of red-hot pokers into the back passage. In fact, these prisons are death traps and find a parallel with the Nazi concentration camps of the past but have no present-day equivalent.

In the intervening years since then, Amnesty International and other observers have noted with grim regularity the continuing policy of flagrant human rights violations by Haiti. Each year brings forth new revelations of systematic repression in Haiti:

1977: Amnesty International, responding on November 14, 1977, to claims that Jean-Claude Duvalier's regime is more liberal than his father's, noted:

Political prisoners are still rarely brought to trial. Haiti's prisons have one of the world's highest mortality rates among detainees.

1978: Amnesty International Report of December 18, 1978:

The apparatus of repression established under Francois Duvalier remains in place under Jean-Claude Duvalier.
1979: The year 1979 witnessed a series of repressive actions by the regime. Joseph Maxi, founder of the Haitian League for Human Rights, was arrested in February. In August, Silvio Claude, a founder of the Christian Democratic Party, was imprisoned. And at a November rally Gerard Gourgue, President of the Haitian League for Human Rights, and others (including a United States diplomatic observer) were beaten by 60 attackers who shouted, "Jean-Claude Duvalier!" Maxi and Claude have not been charged with any offense or had a trial. Maxi has been released; Claude remains in prison.

With wide-spread human rights violations such as these it is no surprise that thousands of Haitians have decided it is better to risk their lives on the 800-mile trip in small boats on the open seas to American shores than to endure continued persecution at home.

This history of Haitian human rights violations extends back several decades. In 1957 Francois ("Papa Doc") Duvalier assumed power in Haiti. From then until his death in 1971 he ruled this small Caribbean country with a cruel dictatorial power, gaining infamy around the world for his policy of torturing political opponents and arbitrarily placing citizens in prison without trial or hearing. While dying in 1971, Duvalier as President-for-Life, proclaimed his 19-year-old son Jean-Claude his successor as President-for-Life. While some of the most flagrant forms of visible torture and repression were toned down under the new regime, wide-spread human rights violations continue unabated.

Testifying to that fact, the Senate Appropriations Committee in 1974 concluded that although "the grim visible terror of Francois Duvalier’s regime /e.g., corpses seated in chairs lining the road to the airport/ may have subsided, it seems that autocratic rule characterized by an unflinching willingness to suppress people has not." (Report 93-620)
International institutions such as the Organization of American States condemned the "very serious violation of the right to liberty and personal security" by the Haitian government (Resolution in case 1716, Haiti, April 24, 1973).

In 1974 the Senate Appropriations Committee reiterated its "strong reservations as regards the character of the Haitian government" (Senate Report 94-39).

The AFL-CIO News (August 3, 1974) reported the testimony of its legislative representative, Howard McGuigan, at the Senate Appropriations Committee:

The AFL-CIO witness stressed that the dictatorship in Haiti has not become significantly less oppressive with Jean-Claude Duvalier. Midnight arrests, secret police and "absolute suppression of all freedoms" still are the tools of Haiti's rulers.

Clearly, the transition from father dictator to son dictator has made no more that a cosmetic difference in the Haitian government's treatment of its citizens. The motivation for the small but steady stream of refugees fleeing Haiti is further elaborated in several reports from Amnesty International:

Arrests are carried out without warrants and often take the form of disappearances or kidnappings.... Prisoners are not allowed lawyers, nor contact with their families on arrest nor -- with few exceptions -- are they charged or brought to trial. (Annual Report 1975-6)

In another report issued April 20, 1976, Amnesty International stated:

However, under the surface the repression is still as strong as it ever was.... It should be pointed out that the term
"political prisoner" has to be interpreted in the widest-possible sense in the Haitian context. There may have been no political activity whatsoever, as for instance a large number of personal grudges, or simply for very minor offenses. As in most cases there are no judicial procedures whatsoever, and as torture is systematic, these prisoners are well within Amnesty International's area of concern. It is common practice just before interrogation to attach prisoners by their ankles to the back of a jeep and then drag them at high speed over the ground. During interrogation prisoners are subjected to electric shocks and starved until they can no longer stand. Their torturers then beat them with the cry of "Stand up for the dead!"

The Haitian government's attempts at self-justification must be viewed in the context of this documented on-going sub-human torture. The U.S. State Department, in explaining why it considers Haitians to be economic refugees only, reports a claim by Jean-Claude Duvalier that amnesty was granted to nearly 800 prisoners from 1972 to September 22, 1977. On that date Duvalier declared there were no more political prisoners in Haiti.

Yet as far back at 1973, Amnesty International compiled a list of about 100 detainees, many held in secret (Report of March 1, 1973; emphasis added):

But it suffices to show the cynicism of the statements made by the Duvalier regime.... which has/ more than once informed the press that there were no political prisoners in Haiti. It also reveals the deceitful nature of the so-called amnesties declared in November and December 1972 which affected 132 people. Some were never released; others were rearrested soon after their release.

Meanwhile the charges of repression continue to be made by the American press and international human rights groups against Haiti, and the slow but steady exodus of refugees continues. The Philadelphia Inquirer reported on October 7, 1979, that the Tontons Macoutes organization "continues to strike terror over the length and breadth of this nation of 6 million...."
They are not paid. They exist by practicing extortion on the people. They are a law unto themselves."

On July 29, 1979, a rally was held in Port-au-Prince to celebrate the 22nd anniversary of the Tontons Macoutes. "Alarmed by the dimensions of the opposition, the regime has... unleashed the Tontons Macoutes whom Duvalier exhorted: 'Keep your gun in your hand always.'" (Latin American Political Report, September 28, 1979).


The Haitian government took or encouraged other actions in 1979 to intimidate the media and the political opposition. The influence of the undisciplined militia /the Tontons Macoutes/ increased.... The ability of Haitian citizens to express dissenting views declined in 1979.

This appraisal is particularly significant but also surprising in light of the fact that at the very same time the State Department was arguing that Haitian refugees are merely economic refugees.

In September, 1979, a press law was imposed, making it a serious offense for domestic or foreign journalists to speak disrespectfully of the President, his mother, the memory of his father, or "Haitian culture." In a Cabinet reshuffle Duvalier appointed General Claude Raymond, a hard-liner who had served under his father, as Minister of the Interior. Significantly, Duvalier has refused access to prisons to the International Committee of the Red Cross!

The Christian Science Monitor (October 30, 1979) summed up best the reasons why refugees are fleeing Haiti:

The surprise is that there are so few "boat people" from Haiti.... With a per-capita income of just over $200 yearly, the Haitian people are the poorest in the hemisphere.... Yet it is not economic privation that causes the continuing exodus of Haitians from their homeland... but rather a harsh political and social system.... Duvalier rule is probably the most repressive in Haitian history.
2. How Are Haitian Refugees Being Treated
Upon Their Arrival Here?

Immediately after the first boatload of Haitian refugees arrived on Florida shores on December 12, 1972, the Miami News wrote prophetically in an editorial "Asylum for the Haitians" (December 15, 1972):

A moment of truth has arrived for our local immigration officials who so casually go about their almost-daily task of processing Cuban citizens landing in South Florida after having escaped the Castro regime. Should the procedure be any different for the dark-skinned Haitians? The action taken on this case will be watched by people across the country and even around the world.... To refuse the pending request of the dark-skinned Haitians would be racism and surely our government isn't racist or is it?

Instead of hospitality, Immigration officials treated the Haitians with hostility. They continue to do so. From the outset a prejudgement was made that the Haitians came here primarily for a livelihood and not for safety from persecution. This is coupled with denial of due process and superficial inquiry methods as well as coercive measures.

Denial of Due Process

Immediately upon their arrival -- in one case at 2 a.m. -- an immigration inspector interviewed the Haitians. The "usually 20-minute interview" (Miami Herald, March 15, 1974) included the time for interpretation (between English and Creole) and for obtaining biographical information. No attorney was permitted, and no hearing provided before an immigration judge on the asylum claim. Nor was any opportunity afforded to secure witnesses or documentation. Instead of questions about persecution, the inquiry focused on the question, "Did you come to work?" On the basis of an affirmative
answer -- which on its face did not preclude having fled to escape persecution -- the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) denied asylum, often on the same day. INS transmitted a summary of this meager record to the State Department, which typically responded in a few days, concurring in the asylum denial. The U.S. refugee law, the Protocol Relating the Status of Refugees, provides for asylum for those who face persecution because of race, religion, political opinion or membership in an organization but not for those who leave their homelands to seek a better livelihood.

In the fall of 1974 and the spring of 1975, about 300 Haitians were interviewed by a National Council of Churches Task Force. Their affidavits provided full details of summary imprisonment, torture and other maltreatment by the Tontons Macoutes. The affidavits were promptly submitted to INS and the State Department. Five years have now passed. Despite repeated inquiries, no response has yet been received!

Imposition of Bond and Denial of Employment Authorization

The Haitians were imprisoned in jails for criminals. Some were held for over a year as far away as El Paso, Texas. The bond set for their release fluctuated between $500 and $1,000. Denominations of the National Council of Churches provided funds for many to be released, and then for their care and maintenance inasmuch as INS refused to authorize their employment. As far as INS was concerned, the Haitians had the right to seek redress in the courts, and, equally in the interim, the right to go hungry.

House Immigration Committee Report

In July 1976 the House Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship and International Law, in a report on "Haitian Immigration," acknowledged
that "over the past few years... it had received numerous complaints from members of Congress, religious and civic organizations regarding our Government's treatment of certain natives of Haiti who are in the United States." In a pointed admonition to INS and the State Department to cease their prejudgement that the Haitians were only economic refugees, the House report declared:

Furthermore, decisions by our Government -- both by the Executive and Judicial Branches -- that an individual Haitian is not entitled to the status of a 'political refugee' cannot be summarily dismissed as having no foundation in fact. Consequently it would appear to be in the best interests of all concerned if every effort is made to insure that the Haitians fully comprehend the concept of asylum and an adequate opportunity is provided for the full and fair presentation of their claims.

But INS remained adamant in refusing to modify its summary interview procedure, which precluded attorney representation at the initial interview and a hearing before an immigration judge on the asylum claim.

The New Policy of Immigration Commissioner Leonel F. Castillo and Its Reversal

In November, 1977, after a long court fight which reached the Supreme Court, and after Congressional hearings, numerous protest actions (in Miami, Washington, D.C. and New York City) and a broad public campaign, INS Commissioner Leonel F. Castillo, in an agreement with the National Council of Churches, reversed the Service policy: imprisoned Haitians were released without bond, their employment was authorized, and INS agreed to promptly change their regulations so as to accord the Haitians a hearing on their asylum claim before an immigration judge.

Castillo's more humane policy was abruptly terminated in July, 1978, and a speedup program for the expulsion of the Haitians put into effect.
They were called in en masse and their employment authorization cancelled. Asylum hearings in Miami for refugees from all countries escalated from the earlier level of about 10 up to 150 a day for Haitians alone. The limited number of immigration attorneys available in Miami were unable to adequately represent their clients in hearings held at three different locations, and often were unable to even appear at all. In most cases, moments after the conclusion of this roughshod procedure, presigned form letters of asylum denial stating that they had failed to present sufficient evidence were handed to the Haitians.

INS has conceded that prior to the institution of the speedup program, approximately 51 percent of all Haitian asylum cases were placed in the "questionable" category. This meant that there was reason to believe the refugee had a bona fide reason to seek political asylum. Subsequent to the speedup program, approximately 0.75 percent were placed in the "questionable" category and the balance in the "lacking in substance" category. A Haitian asylum applicant therefore had a 68 times greater possibility of being placed in the "questionable" category if his/her application was filed before the Haitian speedup program began.

"Voluntary" Returnees

New Haitian arrivals were told by INS, with no attorney permitted to be present, "Since you came illegally, we will keep you in jail. Are you willing to sign a paper to leave, or do you want us to deport you?" Those who agree to sign are termed "voluntary returnees." This meant, for example, that 127 Haitian refugees who had thanked God for their safe arrival on American shores on a Friday in August of 1978 were all sent back to Haiti the following Monday as "voluntary returnees." The nature of this "legal"
procedure raises very disturbing questions both about the propriety and legality of the INS procedure as well as the reality of the Haitians' "voluntary" signing.

On December 2, 1978, Father Jean Juste, a Catholic priest serving at the Haitian Refugee Center in Miami, visited the West Palm Beach jail. Hearing a child cry, he made inquiries and found that Roselene Dorsainvil, an 8-year-old, and her father, Minfort Dorsainvil, a Haitian refugee, were in separate cells. They had been there since November 17, when Dorsainvil had refused to leave voluntarily. After a few more days of imprisonment of his daughter, the tormented father might well have changed his mind! Spurred by public outcry, INS promptly released both.

The Position on the Haitians of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

A public memorandum from spokesman Hodding Carter of the State Department states that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), after reviewing about 2,500 Haitian cases, "is in general agreement with ours /position/; merely departing Haiti and requesting political asylum in the United States is insufficient grounds to establish a prima facie claim to asylum." In contrast, Klaus Feldman, who heads the UNHCR office and is the person who reviewed the Haitian asylum applications, stated:

We have never concluded that "generally" the mass of Haitians seeking asylum were economic refugees... Many of the applications were incomplete or contained no information at all on the subject matter related to asylum. In all cases, the review of asylum requests by this office was made on the basis of information which INS had submitted to the Department of State.... In many of the I-589 forms "request for asylum in the United States," the space for answers to questions was frequently left blank. In other instances, the answers referred to documents which were not made available to us. While we are not in a position to know why these omissions occurred, they often have precluded UNHCR from making any recommendations (letter from Klaus Feldman to Ira Gollobin, November 29, 1979; emphasis added).
As of November, 1979, INS was still resolutely turning a deaf ear to all the requests for asylum by Haitian refugees: "more than 99 per cent of the Haitians' asylum requests have been rejected by the INS, according to Raymond Morris, the Service's district director in Miami" (St. Petersburg Times, November 11, 1979).*

The titles of editorials in three Florida newspapers, among many, speak for themselves: "Intolerable Cruelty in Haitians' Case" (Miami News, November 18, 1976); "The Tragedy of the Haitians Cries Out for Action by the U.S." (Miami Herald, August 15, 1979); "Let Haitians In!" (Palm Beach Post, August 14, 1979); "Grant Haitians Sanctuary" (Miami Herald, March 2, 1980).

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*Hodding Carter's State Department memorandum states that asylum was approved in about 240 cases out of the over 5,000 asylum applications by Haitians, "mostly since 1972." This fails to mention that before 1972, 119 requests were granted to Haitian Coast Guardsmen, led by Colonel Octave Cayard, who fired on the National Palace in Port-au-Prince on December 4, 1970. This is in addition to other military personnel and their families who were granted asylum before 1970 or since. The State Department is silent as to how many requests by Haitian "boat people" have been approved. David Crosland, Acting Immigration Service Commissioner, stated in a letter to Congressman Charles F. Dougherty (December 7, 1979) that as a result of the procedure of INS-State Department consultation, only "58 Haitians have been granted asylum in the United States"!
3. What Happens When Haitian Refugees Are Returned to Their Country?

U.S. State Department spokesman Hodding Carter states that "the Government of Haiti has previously given us both formal and informal assurances regarding the safe return of Haitians from the United States... They will be afforded all constitutional guarantees."

Other observers have discovered evidence contradicting these assurances: in 1974 a Miami Herald reporter "found that the non-U.S. diplomats in Haiti were much more skeptical about the fate of deported refugees, fearing their imprisonment or execution" (Wall Street Journal editorial, May 23, 1974). And at long last, in a Federal court class action suit in Miami by Haitians seeking asylum, hard evidence in the form of sworn, unimpeached testimony became available in November, 1979:

1. A former archivist for the Duvalier secret police, who had fled in February 1979, stated that he had seen a document of the secret police "ordering the arrest of all persons who returned from any foreign country after seeking political asylum." He had also seen "a message directing the arrest of a group of returnees from the United States. The order said the group was Communist.... Those prisoners were executed without trial, the witness said he knew, because he saw the report returned from the prison" (Miami Herald, November 24, 1979).

2. A member of the Tontons Macoutes for five years said that "standing orders required the immediate arrest and imprisonment of any Haitian who returned after unsuccessfully seeking political asylum in the United States or any other country. Returnees received 'especially brutal treatment,' being constantly beaten about the head and kept tied up in jail"
3. Bernier Pierre, a naturalized Canadian, was arrested on his arrival in Port-au-Prince on August 20, 1979, for a visit. At the National Penitentiary, where he was imprisoned, he found a returnee from the United States who had been incarcerated for several months without charges, and whose family was unaware that he had been deported from the U.S.

Another former Tonton Macoute now living in Miami has revealed the Duvalier regime’s double policy:

Publicly, Jean-Claude Duvalier said that people who are returned to Haiti... would be allowed to return to their homes without any problem. But... he simultaneously gave orders in secret to the military and the Tontons Macoutes that returning deportees from the U.S. and other countries should always be arrested. Everyone who leaves Haiti illegally and then returns is put in jail. The order is still standing and has never been revoked.

(Fort Myers News-Press, December 23, 1979)

In claiming that there is no evidence of persecution of returned Haitian refugees, the State Department seems woefully ignorant of the facts.

Haitian "Boat People" Coming from the Bahamas

The State Department memorandum explaining why the Department believes Haitians are not political refugees refers to many Haitians who (1) "went to the Bahamas where they were able to get employment," but because of a change in the Bahamanian government's policy fear deportation to Haiti, and (2) after living many years in the Bahamas are now fleeing in small boats to Florida. But the memorandum is silent both as to why the Haitians left their country for the Bahamas and whether they can safely return to Haiti! No matter where asylum applicants have come from, the U.S. refugee law (Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, Article 33)
prohibits returning them to where they have a "well-founded fear of persecution" because of political opinion.

There is precedent for accepting Caribbean refugees into our country from a country of first asylum. Soon after Fidel Castro gained power in January, 1959, some 25,000 Cubans left by plane — with little risk — for Spain, where they were hospitably received. Yet after the refugees had spent more than 10 years there, the U.S. government agreed to grant asylum and flew them here at taxpayer expense.

The State Department Study Team

In order to investigate charges that Haitian refugees are being persecuted upon their return, a State Department Study Team visited Haiti May 10-22, 1979, and interviewed 86 "returnees" from a list of 600 deported since 1972. The Study Team reported that it had found no evidence of persecution. Since the State Department has accepted the Study Team's findings as conclusive, the methods of the Study deserve closer scrutiny. Stephanie Grant, Director of the American section of Amnesty International warned of "the risks of a set-up."

Several points of difficulty with the Study Team's methodology are especially significant:

1. The Team was aware that "the addresses supplied to INS by the Haitian nationals would be of little use." On two occasions, radio broadcasts were used "to ask named returnees to come in and speak to the team. And in many locations, simple word-of-mouth communication that the team was in the area prompted returnees to seek us out.... Most interviews lasted 20 or 30 minutes." Allowing time for interpretation (from English to Creole to English), interviews actually lasted only 10-15 minutes.
Privacy was minimal. The report noted "the often enormous numbers of bystanders in the towns and villages visited." As regards the 86 interviewees, "when asked what they had said to U.S. officials, none indicated that they had applied for political asylum"! The interviewees were necessarily aware that (1) there were many informers in their midst, and (2) they were being asked to convey information which would appear to be -- to use the words of the Haitian government -- defamation of the nation. To these conditions should be added the fact that, as a U.S. Embassy official put it, "in the provinces they [the Tontons Macoutes] are the law" (Philadelphia Inquirer, October 7, 1979).

The Haitian government has had the list of 600 Haitians returned since 1972, as well as ample advance notice of the team's coming to Haiti, and is gravely concerned with the effect the refugees have on its international image. In accordance with established international practice, the U.S. government gives the Haitian authorities biographical data establishing the Haitian nationality of deportees prior to their deportation.

2. In April, 1979, Michelle Bogre, whom the Haitian authorities did not know was a journalist, managed to get through three police checkpoints and to locate the families of six returnees. Each of the families believed that their relatives had never left Miami, even though some had been deported as far back as September 1977! Although the Study Team was aware of Ms. Bogre's findings, they made no mention of them in their report.

3. The Team made no visit, unscheduled or scheduled, to Haiti's prisons. Pointing out that various groups allege that returnees are imprisoned and that the Duvalier regime itself concedes that returnees are routinely taken to Casernes Dessalines (a prison in Port-au-Prince),
Stephanie Grant, who from 1973 to 1976 was in overall charge of Amnesty International's research department declared:

I would expect that a serious and responsible investigative team would go to that prison, would find out the procedures, would find out what was the routine treatment given to returnees, and would speak with prison officials and immigration officials. I would also expect that they would go to Fort Dimanche, or the National Penitentiary, to establish whether there were returnees among the prison population.

Prior to an inspection of prisons made in Port-au-Prince by a Commission of the Organization of American States, inmates were moved to provincial jails and their places taken in refurbished cells by a few well-fed Tontons Macoutes. Some persons on the outside, relying on the Commission's assurances of protection, gave evidence of the violation of human rights. Two weeks after the Commission left Haiti, those persons were summarily imprisoned.

4. The Team itself reported that the Haitian government indicated that "an individual who had been actively involved in political opposition to the Duvalier regime would be detained... and a claim for asylum in the U.S. by such an individual might be treated as defamation of the nation" -- an offense which carries at least a three-year prison term!
4. Will Granting of Asylum to about 10,000 Haitians
Mean a Flood of Many Thousand More Will Follow?

INS and other government officials contend that the granting
of asylum to the Haitian "boat people" -- the humane treatment required
by law -- will open the floodgates to a mass influx of Haitians. Even
more seriously, they charge, others from the Caribbean, Mexico, Central
and South America will soon follow suit.

The seven years that have elapsed since the first boatload
of Haitians came in December 1972 provide a substantial base period to
evaluate these contentions. From that time to date, the number of Haitians
fleeing here has not varied greatly, except for increases during two
special periods: (1) in June and July 1978, when the Bahamian government
launched midnight raids and other repressive actions against Haitians and
expelled a number of them to Haiti; (2) since October 1979, following a
sharp intensification of repression in Haiti and the casting aside of even
the pretense of "liberalization." Reversely, for the period November 1977 -
June 1978, during which a more humane INS policy prevailed (release without
bond and employment authorization), no substantial increase in the arrival
of Haitians occurred. This demonstrates that for most Haitian refugees --
just like all others -- life is risked only to save life. In this vital
aspect the Haitian "boat people" differ completely from those who come here
with passports from their government and visas from a U.S. Consulate. They
also differ from the Mexicans who covertly cross the southwest border.

Extreme repression in Haiti and the 800 mile distance on open seas to Florida
combine to clearly differentiate the Haitian "boat people" from these others and to show their similarity to the Pacific "boat people," the Indochinese. Refugees in similar situations should receive similar treatment from the United States Government.

The integrity of our refugee policy depends on its even-handed application in accurately distinguishing between fleeing political persecution and seeking only economic betterment, between saving one's life and improving one's livelihood.

Recently, the Miami Herald expressed its conviction that special treatment must be given to the Haitians:

Haitians are not like the Mexican braceros who sneak across the border at night, seeking jobs.... Where it can, Government immigration policy ought to treat all aliens as equals. But where it must, that policy ought to treat some aliens as special. No caring human can deny that of all the dispossessed who reach U.S. shores from this hemisphere, the Haitians are uniquely special. (Jim Hampton, Editor, Miami Herald, February 24, 1980)
Conclusion: What Can Be Done?

The about 10,000 Haitian refugees must be granted asylum now. They are, by international consensus, fleeing because of a well-grounded fear of persecution in their homeland. The U.S. State Department is the only observer which does not recognize this basic fact. Haitian refugees are not merely seeking economic betterment; they are refugees and as such should be granted asylum. Under the definition of the United Nations Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees and of the U.S. Refugee Act of 1980, they should legally be granted asylum. Instead, they have not even been granted a fair hearing.

The question has been repeatedly raised as to why the United States is accepting Southeast Asian "boat people," Cuban "boat people," but not Haitian "boat people." The charge has been made that America's policy on this matter is racist; it does not accept Haitians because of racial prejudice. That charge has not been adequately addressed.
April 23, 1980

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a letter calling for political asylum for the Haitian refugees in our midst and signed by religious leaders from the many faiths in our community. The situation cries out for a solution.

We urge that this matter be given your most careful consideration and that the political asylum sought be granted at the earliest possible time.

Sincerely yours,

Norman Lipoff
Chairman
Community Relations Committee

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enc.
April 23, 1980

President Jimmy Carter
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President:

As leaders of South Florida's religious community, representing numerous denominations, we join our voices to the growing cry for political asylum for South Florida's approximately eleven thousand (11,000) Haitian Refugees.

We applaud the White House's efforts to provide $200,000 for certain services, but must stress that the only practical and moral solution to the desperation and uncertain fate of the Refugees is political asylum.

The Haitians are suffering. Fleeing oppression, and facing persecution upon deportation, they deserve your immediate and solicitous consideration.

We believe that the case for asylum has been made, overwhelmingly, by evidence provided in front of numerous bodies, including the United States Congress, the Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy, the Organization of American States, and United States District Court.

The religious community joins the Black and Spanish-speaking Communities, both of which recently announced their strong, unqualified support for political asylum, in making this urgent plea.

Respect for the sanctity of each and every human life impels us. The human rights tragedy of the Haitians has implications for us all. The dimensions of their plight can not be overemphasized.

Sincerely,
letter to President Carter:

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I am here today on behalf of the AJC to join with you, individually and organizationally, in petitioning our Government to grant political refugee status to our Haitian friends who have fled from fear in their country to seek freedom in ours.

When I was in Haiti, I traveled across the breadth of your troubled country from Port-au-Prince to Cap Haitien.

I have ridden a burro up the mountain to see that wonder of the world, Jean Christophe's Citadel and marveled at the achievements of this great black emperor.

I have reveled in that riot of color that distinguishes Haitian art, heard the throbbing drums of Ti-Roro, and experienced that curious blend of the African chant and French minuet that marks the distinct Haitian culture.

Yet where once there was lush vegetation and vibrant music and art -- today there is hunger and suffering and political persecution.

The spirit of Toussaint L'Ouverture haunts the land, crying out for freedom and justice.

But it is the fist of Jean-Claude Duvalier that holds his people hostage to his grim dictational regime.

While Duvalier's stomach grows fat from overeating, thousands of little children roam the countryside with bulging stomachs distended from malnutrition and outright starvation. The rich grow richer -- the poor can get no poorer.

But it is not poverty of the body alone that has impelled our Haitian friends to seek asylum in the United States -- it is poverty of the spirit.

They are not fleeing just to go to greater economic opportunity -- they flee to escape from genuine political repression.
I saw the dread Tonton Macoutes in Haiti in 1960 -- in the 1980's the name has been changed -- to the Volunteers for National Security -- but the chilling effect on freedom of expression is the same. Just as Francois has given way to Jean-Claude, the Duvalier brand of repression stays the same.

Dissent is not allowed.

There is no due process.

If you disagree ... you disappear ... indefinitely.

The Int. Red Cross was refused permission to inspect Haitian jails.

Amnesty International reports of jailings and torture and killing.

The only freedom in Haiti is the freedom of the government to oppress the people.

It is against this background our Haitian friends risk the 800 mile boat trip to reach our shores.

And we must welcome them as we have welcomed, since the days the Pilgrims came here to escape religious persecution, all who flee oppression.

I should like to read to you a letter that the President of the AJC just a few days ago sent to President Carter. It reads:

President Jimmy Carter
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The American Jewish Committee is deeply concerned over the plight of the Haitian boat people now seeking asylum in the United States. Approximately 10,000 face deportation back to a country where their situation was so acute that they risked their lives to escape to America in search of freedom and opportunity.

A grant of asylum to these Haitian refugees would be consistent with the compassionate actions your administration has taken on issues of immigration. We staunchly supported your decision to double the number of Indochinese boat people allowed into the United States. We have endorsed your human rights initiatives. Most recently, we
applaud your action in admitting to the United States a substantial number of Cubans who last week sought refuge in the Peruvian embassy in Havana.

We call on you to apply these same principles of openness and welcome by granting asylum to the Haitian boat people. Such an action would reflect the dedication to principles of fairness and human rights which our nation has always upheld and which the American Jewish Committee has consistently advocated. We urge you to take this step.

Sincerely,

Richard Maass

As a young man, I saw the United States achieve pre-eminence in world affairs -- the greatest power on earth and surely the leader of the free world. In the last years of this half century, however, I have also seen our nation perceived throughout much of the world as weak and vacillating, as a nation in rapid decline.

That may be the perception of the political leaders among both our allies and our adversaries. But it evidently is not the verdict of the world's peoples. Competing with headlines about unsuccessful raids to free U.S. hostages or the decline of the dollar abroad are the headlines telling us that thousands of Cubans and Haitians, thousands of Cambodians and Iranians, are daily risking their very lives in order to get to America and thereby escape the tyranny of their native lands.

With their feet the people of the world are continuing to vote for America, the land they still see as their haven of freedom and land of opportunity -- just as my grandparents did and millions of others did at the turn of the century when they crowded into rat-infested freighters and fought the angry seas on their escape to America.

So even as we anguish over our recent difficulties, we ourselves dare not lose confidence in our nation and what we stand for. We make mistakes, and we occasionally violate our own high standards. But we remain a nation that cherishes and practices basic human freedoms, a nation that can show generosity and compassion in its concern for people everywhere. Nowhere are these qualities better exemplified than in our welcoming of immigrants in their search for freedom. I am proud of this American tradition -- and I am proud to represent an organization, the American Jewish Committee, which supports liberal immigration and refugee policies -- and that is why I am here today on behalf of our friends from Haiti.
APPENDIX V:

STATEMENT SUBMITTED ON CUBAN REFUGEES IN MIAMI, PREPARED BY THE DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
410 N. E. SECOND AVENUE
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33132

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

PREPARED STATEMENT BY PAUL W. BELL
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION
MAY 12, 1980

The Dade County Public School System is in the process of working closely with Metropolitan Dade County, the local municipal governments, other members of the Coordinating Council of Dade County, and with the Governor's office to develop a uniform and coordinated approach to the refugee crisis which faces our community. Though this presentation focuses only on one aspect of the total problem—education—it describes an emergency condition of staggering proportions which has its counterpart in social services, housing, health services, and employment training.

The emergency created by the national policy to provide refuge and resources to those seeking asylum is one which must be faced immediately. The rate of refugee student enrollment has risen from approximately 10 to 15 per day prior to the opening of Port Mariel to the present rate of 60 new refugee students each school day. This represents enough students to create the equivalent of two new classes each school day and one new elementary school every two weeks.

When school opens for the 1980-81 school year, it is likely there will be over 15,650 new refugee students prepared to enroll in the Dade County Public Schools. The vast majority of these students (approximately 15,100) will be Spanish speaking; about 550 will be speakers of Haitian Creole. Virtually all will be of limited-English proficiency. Federal laws, judicial mandates, and federal regulations require the school district to provide each of these students supplemental services in both English and their home language, and special instruction, including English for Speakers of Other Languages and bilingual instruction, which is above and beyond that provided students who are not limited in English. Many of the newly-arrived youth have never attended school, or are functioning at an extremely low remedial academic level. This requires the district to provide additional special instruction. Extensive adult education programs are also required if the adult refugees are to be absorbed into the community.
The excess cost to provide instructional services and to provide classroom space, transportation, and other support services, is approximately $1,000 per student per year more than the per pupil cost for other students. Therefore, by mid-October 1980, the Dade County Public Schools will have been obligated to expend in the 1981 fiscal year $20,000,000 in excess costs above state and local support for refugee students. If the influx continues beyond that time, the excess costs will increase accordingly.

This is the emergency which we in Dade County face--an emergency of dollars and an emergency of human resources. We have the human resources to plan an orderly and effective instructional program for refugee youth. We are totally lacking the fiscal resources to provide the required services. The School Board of Dade County, Florida is currently facing $24,000,000 in budget reductions for 1980-81 to achieve the balanced budget required by Florida law. The Federal government has, through its humane refugee policy, created the emergency. Federal law requires specific services to be provided, which add to the emergency. The Federal government must provide the funds to resolve the crisis.

It is essential that the Federal government make financial provisions for elementary, secondary, and adult educational programs which include reimbursement for direct and supplemental personnel instruction services. Provisions must also be made for instructional materials and supplies; for the provision of staff development and training for teachers, administrators and parents; and for purchase of equipment, acquisition of facilities or rental of space, and transportation costs directly associated with the educational services provided to the refugee pupils.

Attached to this statement is Refugee Impact - Data Sheet #3, which provides statistical summaries on which this statement is based. Detailed analyses of each figure reported are available from the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Administration, Dade County Public Schools, 1410 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida, 33132.

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Attachment
Refugee Student Enrollment in Dade County Public Schools (DCPS)

2,119 Refugee students entered the Dade County Public Schools during the 12 month period, July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979.

4,278 Refugee students entered the DCPS during the 10 month period, July 1, 1979 through April 30, 1980.

1,031 Refugee students other than Cuban or Haitian entered the DCPS during the first ten months of the 1979-80 school year.

2,902 Cuban refugee students entered the DCPS between July 1, 1979 and April 30, 1980.

440 Cuban refugee students entered the DCPS during the 10 school days from Monday, April 28, 1980 through Friday, May 9, 1980.

27 Cuban refugee students (27 to 30 students are equivalent to 1 classroom) entered the DCPS on the first day after refugees arrived from Port Mariel.

61 Cuban refugee students (equivalent to 2 classrooms) entered the DCPS on the 10th school day after Mariel refugees reached the U.S.

345 Haitian refugee students entered the DCPS between July 1, 1979 and April 30, 1980.

15 Haitian refugee students entered the DCPS 1 day after the Federal government granted them legal status equal to Cuban refugees.

The granting of political asylum to Haitian refugees could result in significant increases in the current rate of their enrollment (35-40 per month) in the DCPS.

There is no effective national program or policy currently in effect which disperses Cuban refugees outside of South Florida.

15,100 Cuban refugee students who entered the U.S. after April 27, 1980 will be eligible on September 2, 1980 to enroll in the DCPS for the 1980-81 school year.

3,775 New Cuban refugee students may enter the DCPS during each month of the 1980-81 school year if the current rate of entry is maintained.

7,500 Cuban refugee students who entered the U.S. after April 27, 1980 will be eligible to enroll in the DCPS summer program which begins July 1, 1980.

550 New refugee students, other than Cuban, will be eligible for DCPS enrollment by September 2, 1980.
There are no additional federal funds appropriated to provide educational services for the newly arrived refugee students.

Excess Costs for Supplemental Services Above Those Provided All Students

+ $600 is required for supplemental services and indirect costs for each limited-English proficiency student who enters DCPS from a Spanish speaking country. More funds are required for materials development for students from other language backgrounds.

+ $400 is required to provide classroom space, transportation, and support services for each refugee student.

Distribution of Refugee Students

From April 28, 1980 through May 7, 1980 (8 school days) new Cuban refugee students have entered:

48 of 170 DCPS Elementary Schools
21 of 48 DCPS Junior High Schools
12 of 24 DCPS Senior High Schools

A refugee student population equivalent to that of one new elementary school is enrolling in the DCPS every two weeks.

Based on current construction costs, from $6,000 to $7,000 per student is required to build new facilities.

SUMMARY

+ $20,000,000. is required by the DCPS in excess costs above average per pupil expenditure to provide instructional programs, services, and facilities for refugee students who will enter the DCPS by the end of the 6th week of the 1980-81 school year.

No federal funds are currently available for supplemental services required by the Office of Civil Rights (OCR).

Refugee students entering the DCPS after mid-October but before mid-February will generate only 1/2 year's Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) state financial support for basic services.

Refugee students entering the DCPS after mid-February will generate no state support (FEFP) for basic services.

No additional Federal or State funds are appropriated to the DCPS for special services for refugee students who have entered the U.S. during the 1980's.

* These preliminary analyses will be refined as additional data are available.
MEMORANDUM

May 28, 1980

TO: Dr. Leonard Britton, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Paul W. Bell, Assistant Superintendent for Administration

SUBJECT: REFUGEE STUDENT IMPACT UPDATE

Attached is Refugee Impact--Data Sheet #4 which provides a summary of refugee data and other information as of the close of school on Friday, May 23, 1980. The detailed analyses upon which the summary data is based are available from the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Administration.

As of this date, there is only one specific piece of legislation proposed which would provide for excess costs--those which exceed annual per pupil cost--required for refugee students. This legislation is an amendment to the Indo-Chinese Refugee Children Assistance Act of 1976 introduced by Edward J. Stack (D. 12th Congressional District, Florida). Mr. Stack indicated in a telephone conversation with this office on May 21, 1980 that the amendment would provide local education agencies with approximately $1,000 for excess costs and would provide for the state agency and local agencies to be funded for the base student cost (estimated at approximately $1,700). The Congressman felt the amendment would be favorably acted upon by the House Education and Labor Committee on which Mr. Stack serves. The Stack Amendment also appears to have the full support of all Dade County Legislators.

This office has been in repeated contact with staff in the Office of the Secretary of Education, Shirley Hufstedler, regarding the funding of refugee programs. In recent weeks, members of the Dade County Public Schools' staff met with the Deputy Under Secretary of Education, Michael Bakalis, and with his assistants to explain the critical situation which Dade County faces. There have been strong indications during the last few days that discretionary funds from the Secretary's Office will be made available to Dade County public schools to support an intensive six-week summer Immersion Program for refugee youth.

The Governor's staff, the Commissioner of Education, and the Dade Delegation have all received thorough briefings on the refugee situation. Efforts are underway in Tallahassee to assure funding for the summer program and to provide state support for the basic programs required by refugee students.

I am in contact with Mr. Robert Wilkerson, the official in the Governor's Office who has access to the official refugee data being compiled by the United States Department of State, to secure current refugee data. Mr. Wilkerson has promised to supply the Dade County public schools with these data within the week.

The National Close-Up Office in Washington, D.C. has been contacted and that agency has offered to assist Dade County personnel in developing programs designed to teach refugees basic concepts of a democratic society, including American history and government. Dade County public school staff have been asked to develop an analysis of adult and vocational education program and fiscal needs. This will be compiled in my office by June 3, 1980.

Local state and federal offices which can impact the refugee funding are being provided with updated information related to the refugee situation. Please advise this office if there are additional actions you would like to see taken.
Refugee Student Enrollment in Dade County Public Schools (DCPS)

5,470 Refugee students entered the DCPS between July 1, 1979 and May 23, 1980.

1,302 Refugee students entered the DCPS during the 18 school days from Monday, April 28, 1980 through Friday, May 23, 1980.

CUBAN REFUGEES

4,017 Cuban refugee students entered the DCPS between July 1, 1979 and May 23, 1980.

1,215 Cuban refugee students entered the DCPS during the 18 school days from Monday, April 28, 1980 through Friday, May 23, 1980.

± 5,000 Cuban refugee school-aged youth may have arrived in Dade County since April 27, 1980 who have not as yet enrolled in school.

27 Cuban refugee students entered the DCPS on the first day refugees from Port Mariel enrolled.

127 Cuban refugee students (equivalent to 4 classrooms) entered the DCPS on the 18th school day after Mariel refugees reached U.S. For every refugee student who has enrolled in the DCPS, it is estimated there are a minimum of four school-aged youth who have not registered because they are still being processed by federal authorities, or they are waiting to enroll in school for the next school year.

HAITIAN REFUGEES

395 Haitian refugee students entered the DCPS between July 1, 1979 and May 23, 1980.

50 Haitian refugee students entered the DCPS since April 28, 1980, when the Federal government granted them legal status equal to Cuban refugees.

± 1,000 Haitian refugee school-aged youth may be residing in Dade County who have not as yet enrolled in school.

The granting of political asylum to Haitian refugees could result in significant increases in the current rate of their enrollment (35-40 per month) in the DCPS.

OTHER REFUGEES

1058 Refugees (other than Cuban and Haitian) have entered the DCPS between July 1, 1979 and May 23, 1980 as follows:

- 866 NICARAGUAN
- 94 RUSSIAN
- 85 INDO-CHINESE
- 5 CZECHOSLOVAKIAN
- 5 CHILEAN
- 3 SALVADORIAN

37 Nicaraguan refugee students entered the DCPS during the 18 school days from Monday, April 28, 1980 through Friday, May 23, 1980.

* These analyses will be refined as additional data are available. Detailed analyses of each figure reported are available from the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Administration.
Excess Costs for Supplemental Services Above Those Provided All Students

$1,000 Is required by the DCPS in excess costs above average per pupil expenditure to provide instructional programs, services, and facilities for each refugee student who will enter the DCPS for the 1980-81 school year.

$400 In excess costs is required to provide classroom space, transportation, and support services for each refugee student.

$600 In excess costs is required for supplemental services and indirect costs for each limited-English proficiency student who enters DCPS from a Spanish speaking country. More funds are required for materials development for students from other language backgrounds.

$170 Is required for each student who enrolls in the proposed Summer Immersion Program for refugee students.

Refugee students entering the DCPS after mid-October but before mid-February generate only 1/2 year's Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) state financial support for basic services.

Refugee students entering the DCPS after mid-February generate no state support (FEFP) for basic services.

No federal funds are currently available for supplemental services required by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

Projections

200 Refugee school-aged youth will arrive in Dade County for processing and settlement each day the influx continues at its present rate.

7,500 Refugee students who entered the U. S. after April 27, 1980 (50% of those eligible) may enroll in the DCPS summer program which begins July 1, 1980.

25,000 Refugee school-aged youth may be eligible for DCPS enrollment by September 2, 1980 if the present rate of arrival is maintained during the summer of 1980.

General Information

There is no effective national program or policy currently in effect which disperses Cuban and Haitian refugees outside of South Florida.

There are no additional federal funds appropriated to provide educational services for the newly arrived refugee students.

A refugee student population equivalent to that of one new elementary school is enrolling in the DCPS every week.

Based on current construction costs, from $6,000 to $7,000 per student is required to build new facilities.

At the local, state and national levels, only one specific piece of legislation has been introduced which would provide funding for educational services for refugee students--the Stack (Representative, 12th District, Broward County, Florida) Amendment to the Indochinese Refugee Children Act of 1976.
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June, 1980
1,851 Adult refugee students entered the DCPS during the period from Monday, April 28, 1980 through Friday, May 30, 1980.

**CUBAN REFUGEES**

+ 28,000 Cuban refugees are estimated to be eligible for adult education in the 1980-81 school year.

1,133 Adult Cuban refugee students entered the DCPS during the period from Monday, April 28, 1980 through Friday, May 30, 1980.

+ 7,468 additional Adult General/Adult Basic Education enrollments, 1980-81.

$ 633 Estimated cost to fund one adult Cuban refugee in Adult General Education/Adult Basic Education, 1980-81.

+ 1,800 Adult vocational enrollments, 1980-81.

$ 1,673 Estimated cost to fund one adult Cuban refugee in Adult Vocational Education, 1980-81.

**HAITIAN REFUGEES**

+ 12,000 Adult Haitian refugees have been reported to be living in Dade County.

594 Adult Haitian refugees entered the DCPS during the period from Monday, April 28, 1980 through Friday, May 30, 1980.

+ 1,606 additional Adult General/Adult Basic Education enrollments, 1980-81.

$ 574 Estimated cost to fund one adult Haitian refugee in Adult General Education/Adult Basic Education, 1980-81.

+ 440 Adult vocational enrollments, 1980-81.

$ 1,598 Estimated cost to fund one adult Haitian refugee in Adult Vocational Education, 1980-81.

**OTHER REFUGEES**

124 Adult Russian refugees have entered the DCPS between Monday, April 28, 1980 and Friday, May 30, 1980.

*All census data used in this summary are based on an estimate of 100,000 Cuban refugees entering the United States from Mariel.
APPENDIX VI:

ROLE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN MIGRATION IN CUBAN CRISIS

Geneva, Switzerland
May 12, 1980.

DEAR SENATOR KENNEDY,

I HAVE RECENTLY LEARNED OF YOUR INTENTION TO HOLD A HEARING ON MAY 12 ON THE CRISIS CREATED BY THE CURRENT EXODUS OF THOUSANDS OF CUBANS STOP IN THAT CONNECTION EYE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO SEND YOU A BRIEF REPORT OUTLINING THE ROLE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION (ICEM) HAS PLAYED IN TRYING TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN MEETING THIS EMERGENCY SITUATION STOP FROM THE VERY BEGINNING AS THE RESPONSIBLE AND RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION CONCERNED WITH THE PROCESSING AND RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS ICEM RESPONDED PROMPTLY TO THE APPEAL OF THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST THOSE PERSONS FROM CUBA WHO HAD ENTERED THE PERUVIAN EMBASSY IN HAVANA STOP ON APRIL 11, 1980 EYE ISSUED AN APPEAL TO THE THIRTY-TWO ICEM MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING 14 LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS, TO SOME NON-MEMBER GOVERNMENTS (AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, CANADA, FRANCE, JAPAN, SWEDEN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM) AND TO A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES FOR OFFERS FOR PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY RESIDENCE AND FOR FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE COST OF AN EMIGRATION PROGRAM STOP EYE ALSO TOOK UP CONTACT WITH THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR ON APRIL 14 IN GENEVA AND OFFERED ICEM'S SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AN ORDERLY DEPARTURE PROGRAM FROM HAVANA AND REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH AN OPERATIONAL OFFICE IN CUBA STOP THIS OFFER WAS PASSED TO HAVANA STOP THE REPLY FROM HAVANA INDICATED THAT THERE WAS NOT A NEED FOR ICEM IN HAVANA AT THAT TIME STOP THE OFFER, HOWEVER, WAS NOT HIMSELF REJECTED STOP CUBA, EYE SHOULD MENTION, IS NOT A MEMBER OF ICEM STOP AT THE SAME TIME ICEM DEPLOYED EXPERIENCED OPERATIONAL STAFF TO SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA AND CHARTERED AIRCRAFT TO BEGIN AN AIRLIFT FROM HAVANA STOP DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 16-25 CUBAN AUTHORITIES ALLOWED SIX ICEM CHARTERED AIRCRAFT FLIGHTS TO AIRLIFT 773 CUBANS TO COSTA RICA STOP NO LANDING RIGHTS WERE GRANTED BY CUBAN AUTHORITIES AFTER APRIL 24 STOP ON APRIL 21, EYE AGAIN APPROACHED THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA TO REPEAT THE OFFER OF ICEM SERVICES STOP NO REPLY TO THAT OFFER HAS SO FAR BEEN RECEIVED STOP THE OFFER, HOWEVER, REMAINS IN FORCE STOP THE ICEM APPEAL BASED ON THE INITIAL REQUEST OF THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT FOR RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND FUNDS FOR THIS EMERGENCY PROGRAM HAS SO FAR PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:
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I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT ICEM IS PREPARED TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN THIS EMERGENCY IN ANY POSSIBLE WAY STOP ICEM'S LONG EXPERIENCE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF LARGE SCALE MIGRATION AND REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMS CAN BE REL IED ON STOP IT IS OUR HOPE OF COURSE THAT THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT WILL EVENTUALLY PERMIT ICEM TO ESTABLISH AN ORDERLY PROGRAM OF EMIGRATION FROM HAVANA STOP ICEM STAFF AND FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO DO SO ON VERY SHORT NOTICE STOP EYE WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN THE HEARINGS WITH THE STRONG HOPE THAT SOME ORDER CAN BE BROUGHT FROM THE PRESENT CHAOS STOP

SINCERELY

JAMES L. CARLIN
HEREUNDER FOR YOUR INFO TEXT OF APPEAL LETTER

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF
PERU HAS MADE AN URGENT APPEAL TO ICEM TO ASSIST IN SOLVING
THE PROBLEM WHICH HAS BEEN CREATED BY THE GATHERING AT THE
PERUVIAN EMBASSY IN HAVANA OF SEVERAL THOUSAND CUBANS WHO
WISH TO EMIGRATE FROM CUBA

WHILE THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU MIGHT ADMIT SOME OF THESE
PERSONS TO ITS TERRITORY, IT IS EVIDENT THAT MIGRATION ACTION
ON A BROAD INTERNATIONAL SCALE IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO RESOLVE
THE PROBLEM.

AS YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL BE AWARE, ICEM HAS PREVIOUSLY
HANDED SIMILAR SITUATIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE LARGE
NUMBERS OF PEOPLE HAVE HAD TO BE PROCESSED AND MOVED UNDER
EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES. IN ORDER TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY
DOCUMENTATION AND MOVEMENT PROCESSING OF THE PERSONS NOW IN
QUESTION, ICEM IS CURRENTLY EXPLORING WITH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT
THE POSSIBILITY OF OPENING AN OPERATIONAL OFFICE IN HAVANA

WHILE IT IS DIFFICULT AT THIS TIME TO ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF
PEOPLE WHO WILL EVENTUALLY WISH TO LEAVE THE PERUVIAN
EMBASSY FOR MIGRATION FROM CUBA, IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS
COMMUNICATION TO APPEAL TO YOUR GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT A
NUMBER OF THEM FOR TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT RESIDENCE. I
FURTHER WISH TO APPEAL TO YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR A SPECIAL
FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO ENABLE ICEM TO UNDERTAKE THIS URGENT
MIGRATION PROGRAMME. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT
WILL BE PROVIDED WITH ADDITIONAL DETAILED INFORMATION WHEN
MORE IS KNOWN ABOUT THE DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEM AND THE
REQUIREMENTS TO RESOLVE IT.

THE SITUATION IN THE PERUVIAN EMBASSY IN HAVANA POSES
A NUMBER OF VERY DIFFICULT HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS AND I AM
CERTAIN THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL WISH TO SEE
THEM SOLVED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. ON THIS BASIS I AM
MAKING THIS URGENT APPEAL TO YOUR GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST IN
GRANTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MIGRATION AND FOR FUNDS FOR
THIS EMERGENCY OPERATION. I SHALL GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR
EARLY REPLY IN THIS MATTER.

PLEASE ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION

SIGNED JAMES L. CARLIN
DIRECTOR
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION ++
Dear Senator Kennedy:

The Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration (ICEM) wishes to call to the attention of the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee the immediate steps taken by ICEM last month to assist in resolving the crisis created by the occupation of the Peruvian Embassy in Havana by over ten thousand Cubans wishing to emigrate.

ICEM, it will be recalled, is an operational non-political humanitarian organization of thirty-two member governments and has previously handled similar situations in other countries where large numbers of people had to be processed for migration and moved under emergency conditions.

In this case, ICEM immediately offered assistance to the Governments of Peru and Cuba. The Government of Peru appealed to ICEM for assistance on April 10. While awaiting a reply to its request to open an operational office in Havana and for the results of talks between Peru and Cuba, ICEM established a task force of experienced personnel in San Jose, Costa Rica, and placed aircraft for airlift purposes on a standby basis. Starting April 16, with the agreement and cooperation of the Government of Costa Rica, ICEM was able to carry out an emergency airlift of 677 persons in charter flights from Havana to San Jose. These persons were received in a transit center made available by the Government of Costa Rica. The Government of Cuba suspended the flights three days later. ICEM was allowed to transport an additional 96 migrants from Havana on April 24, but talks between Governments of Costa Rica and Cuba failed to reach agreement on the continuation of the airlift. 327 of the initial group in San Jose have subsequently been transferred by ICEM to Lima, Peru.

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510
In order to set in motion the emergency airlift and emigration program, I appealed to 37 member and non-member governments for offers of temporary or permanent residence for the migrants. I also appealed to the same governments and to international organizations for funds to finance these emergency operations before the independent boat movements to Florida began. Over seven thousand offers of residence were received along with pledges of financial contributions.

The Costa Rican Government entrusted to ICEM primary responsibility for movements of the migrants from Cuba, transit arrangements and processing in Costa Rica, and transfer of the migrants to resettlement countries. In late April, UNHCR, waiving temporarily the question of eligibility of the migrants for refugee status, agreed to provide funding for care and maintenance for the Cubans in transit in Costa Rica.

ICEM has not been involved with present boat movements to the U.S.A. but stands ready to undertake movements from Cuba to the U.S.A. or elsewhere on a regular basis if agreed by the two governments. Although the Cuban Government made it clear prior to the first evacuation flights that it had not rejected the ICEM request for an operational office in Havana, no positive response has yet been received. Despite further contact since suspension of the airlift, the Government of Cuba has not yet granted permission to ICEM to facilitate orderly migration procedures in Havana.

ICEM remains prepared to play an active role in the international resettlement effort on behalf of the Cubans whether directly from Havana, should that be allowed, or from some other transit point. In the meantime ICEM is continuing to organize the speedy resettlement of 444 Cubans remaining in Costa Rica.

Sincerely,

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