

We, as firm believers
in a free and independent Cuba who
and independent Cuba -
liberated from its cruel subservience
to the communist tyranny -

as Cuban citizens who
are for a progressive, democratic
Cuba, liberated from its ^{present} political
and economic subservience to the
Castro Communist tyranny, hope and
trust that the United States will continue
pursue a strong, bipartisan policy

aimed at:

① The complete isolation of
Castroism from all countries in the West &
as a preliminary to its ^{certain doom and} downfall,

2) The support of ^{all} Cuban movements
which ~~will~~ ^{aim at restoring} restore ~~Cuban~~ representative
democracy to the island and
~~will~~ bring Cuba back into the
family of hemisphere nations;

3) The extension to Cuba of
the enlightened policies ~~of~~ ^{economic} assistance

~~The~~ ~~Call~~
~~economic assistance under~~
~~the Alliance for Progress and~~
the enlightened multilateral
policies pursued by the
Alliance for Progress

We ask both parties ^{and both presidential} in the United
States ^{candidates} to avoid making the Cuban ~~ss~~

question a sterile issue of bitter recrimination
and wild promises, which will only
accentuate the divisions within the
Cuban ^{isite} community and give aid and
comfort to the Castro ^{regime} government.

We ask both parties to uphold
the pledge that President Kennedy ^{on November 18} made
a few days before his death; ~~in one of his last speeches on 11~~

"No Cub

Cuban

There are grave, trying days for
the people of Cuba. We ask our American
friends for firm support and deep
understanding. We don't want to be
a political football between contending
parties. We want American ^{assistance} aid ~~and~~ ^{Stemming}

from a joint resolve - as good neighbors -
to help restore the people of Cuba
to its rightful place in the hemisphere
community of nations .

Personal
Confidential

To: Pedro Sanjuan
From: AWC

You will find attached a rough draft on
the Cuban statement. ^{In my opinion, a} straight endorsement of
the Johnson-Humphrey ticket might create
difficulties, ^{in my opinion} in obtaining Cuban signatures. On
the other hand, if an appeal is made to both parties
for a strong bipartisan policy, based on the

Kennedy pledge, it might be easier to get ~~some~~
some Cuban significant support.
~~Cuban top level signatures.~~ This ~~could~~ ^{statement} be followed up

by the President's assurance to the Cubans that his

Administration is most eager to uphold

~~the other side will then~~
the pledge, etc.) ~~This might take the wind~~

~~off the opposition we discussed yesterday.~~

~~This will~~ It will be up to other side to make

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the wild statements and furthermore, give
the impression that they are ^{recklessly} stirring - the
Cuban

We, as Cuban citizens who are for a progressive, democratic Cuba, liberated from its present political and economic subservience to the Castro-Communist tyranny, hope and trust that the United States will follow a strong, bipartisan policy aimed at:

1. The complete isolation of Castroism from all countries in the West as a preliminary to its certain doom and downfall;

2. The support of all Cuban movements which aim at restoring representative democracy to the island and bringing Cuba back into the family of hemisphere nations;

3. The extension to Cuba of the enlightened multilateral policies pursued by the Alliance for Progress.

We ask both parties and both presidential candidates in the United States election, to avoid making the Cuban question a sterile issue of bitter recrimination and wild promises, which will only accentuate the divisions within the Cuban exile community and give aid and comfort to the Castro regime.

We ask both parties to uphold the pledge that President Kennedy made on November 18, a few days before his death:

"No Cuban need feel trapped between dependence on the broken promises of foreign communism and the hostility of the rest of the Hemisphere, for once Cuban sovereignty has been restored we will extend the hand of friendship and assistance to a Cuba whose political and economic institutions have been shaped by the will of the Cuban people."

These are grave, trying days for the people of Cuba. We ask our American friends for firm support and deep understanding. We don't want to be a political football between contending

parties. We want American Assistance stemming from a joint resolve - as good neighbors - to help restore the people of Cuba to its rightful place in the hemisphere community of nations.

October, 1964