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Ambassador Fernando Remirez De Estenoz First Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Ministry Chief, Cuban Interest Section 2630 16th Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Ambassador Remirez,

Hopefully the informal "Get Acquainted" dinner last night organized for you by Congressman Jimmy Hayes and hosted by Randy K. Haynie was successful from your perspective. Fortunately, Representatives Richard Baker, Pat Danner, Ralph Hall, Greg Laughlin, Billy Tauzin, and Gene Taylor were able to participate for a time, despite end of the year Congressional business.

Attached are two letters dated December 13, 1995 that Michael Ryan, President of the ABC Forum On Cuba, Inc. submitted to the U.S. Treasury as license applications for a Conference in Havana from January 16-19, 1996. One letter is for the advance trip between January 2-5, 1996 and the other is for the Conference.

The participants in the January 2-5, 1995 trip to Havana --during which we will finalize the Conference program and related logistics -- will be Jim McGovern, Congressman Moakley's Senior Aide, Mike Ryan, the President of the ABC Forum On Cuba, Inc., and me.

For this January 2-5 trip, would one of your colleagues kindly help us:

- 1. obtain your Government's approval and the visas necessary for the three of us to make this advance trip;
- 2. assist us with hotel room reservations, preferably at the Hotel Nacionale for the evenings of January 2, 3 & 4; and
- arrange appointments for us with those in Cuba with whom we can finalize the Jan. 16-19 Conference program and confirm the related Conference logistics, e.g., ground transportation for Conference participants, hotel meeting rooms for Conference plenary sessions and menus for receptions/meals?

For the January 16-19, 1996 Conference in Havana, would one of your colleagues kindly help us:

1. obtain your Government's approval for this Conference in Havana and for the participants' visas to travel to Cuba;

2. confirm 31 hotel room reservations (if possible, 10 suites & 21 single rooms) and prices for January 16, 17 and 18 -- preferably at the Hotel Nacionale?

If your schedule permits, we would be honored if you could participate in any aspect of the January 16-19 Conference.

If there is additional information we should provide or other issues or details regarding this Conference that we should address, please let me know.

Sincrety yours,

J. Bernard Robinson Counsel

cc: Mr. Jim McGovern Mr. Michael J. Ryan, President of ABC Forum On Cuba, Inc.