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To: JOHN WEINFURTER - Office of Congressman  
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John,

Thank you for the weeks of work you've contributed to this Project. Let's look forward to a relaxing and exciting trip on the 16th - All the best -

Michael

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MEMORANDUM -- Friday, January 5, 1996

TO: Conference Participants

FROM: Michael Ryan 

SUBJECT: Jan. 16-19 Conference: US-Cuba: A New England Perspective

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As you read in Congressman Moakley's January 4 memo the federal workers are back on the job and he will fully participate in the January 16-19, 1996 Conference in Havana.

We are also happy to report that the Treasury Department has issued the requested license for Jim McGovern, Senior Aide to Congressman Moakley, Bernie Robinson and me to be in Havana between Sunday, January 7 and Thursday, January 11 to finalize arrangements for the Conference; a necessary step for the issuance of the Conference license.

For your review, we are enclosing a copy of the license for our advance trip, and the accompanying letter from Mr. Pinter of OFAC dated January 4, 1996. Please read these materials carefully and call us with any questions or comments.

We are also preparing a briefing packet for each Conference participant. If you have any special requests for information related to the trip or the Conference, please fax your request as soon as possible to ABC -- Attn.: Susan Trabucchi at (202) 543-5177.

If there are individuals with whom you want us to meet during my January 7-11 advance trip, please fax me their contact information in Havana at the Hotel Nacional (011 53 33 3109). Alternatively, you could directly advise your Cuban contacts to telephone me at the Hotel Nacional at (53 7 33 3564)

### **Flight and Hotel Information:**

Conference registrants will depart from the Miami International Airport on Tuesday, January 16. Please check-in at the Gulfstream International counter with your baggage and passport, **NO LATER THAN 12:30 pm** for the Charter Flight taking our group to Havana that departs at 1:30 pm. We will present you with your Cuban visas at the gate. The Gulfstream International Airline counter is located on Concourse F and is a part of the United Airlines counter. If you wish to directly check your bags to the charter flight, notify your air carrier that it is Gulfstream Airlines 3M Flight 263 from Miami to Havana. The alternative and more secure method would be to simply check your bags to Miami and personally recheck them at the Gulfstream counter.

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**Return Flight:** We will return to Miami on Friday, January 19 departing Havana at 10:00 am. This flight should arrive no later than 11:30 am. We suggest that you schedule connecting flights for 1:00 pm or later.

**Accommodations:** The Conference will take place at the Hotel Nacional in Havana. We will assign rooms at check-in. Since long-distance telecommunications agreements have recently been signed between the U.S. and Cuba, there should be no trouble placing or receiving telephone calls. The Hotel Nacional's numbers are: Tel. 011 53 7 33 3564, Fax. 011 53 33 3109.

### **INFORMATION WE NEED FROM YOU!**

If you have not already done so, please FedEx or fax (202) 543-5177 the following material to us ASAP. Please ensure that we have the information and the full conference registration payment in our offices **no later than Tuesday, January 9.**

- 1) **Conference Registration Form**
- 2) **Passport Information for Visas:** We must have a copy of the first two pages of your passport containing your picture and personal information in order to obtain your Cuban visa.
- 3) **Personal and Organizational Background Information:** Please provide us 2-3 concise paragraphs of biographical information on you and related information on your organization. If you and/or your organization have contributed to significant philanthropic, human services or human rights activities, particularly in the Caribbean or Latin America, please let us know. For example, some of you have made recent contributions to the University of Central America in El Salvador. Since this conference is about supporting the Cuban people, please consider adding information about ways in which you or your organization might be able to support the Cuban people.

For guidance on this, please read carefully our January 2 letter to the Treasury Department which provides examples of the kinds of support which the current U.S. regulations encourage and license. For further guidance, please consult Boston-based Regina Villa at (617) 357-5772

If you have other questions please contact ABC's Susan Trabucchi at (202) 543-3210 or John Weinfurter in Congressman Moakley's Office at (202) 225-8273.



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

JAN 04 1996

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Dear Mr. Ryan:

This is in response to your letter of January 2, 1996, supplementing your earlier application for a license in conjunction with the sponsorship of a conference in Cuba called "The United States and Cuba: A New England Perspective."

Following a meeting between you and others and representatives of the Department of State and the Office of Foreign Assets Control on Friday, December 22, 1995, you provided additional information concerning the purpose of the conference as well as a list of all U.S. participants. In addition, you provided a list of Cuban organizations that you intend to meet with in Cuba during the advance trip, now planned for January 7 through January 11.

Section 515.574 of the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 515 (the "Regulations"), is intended to authorize transactions that will provide support for the Cuban people by strengthening and fostering civil society and promoting independent activity. You have indicated that the conference objectives are consistent with the purpose of § 515.574. For this reason, we have determined to license the advance trip. A final decision on the authorization of the conference itself will depend on the outcome of your advance trip.

Upon your return and based on the advance trip, please submit additional information about the conference and about how you believe it can help promote civil society in Cuba. You should bear in mind two important considerations in this respect: first, participation by Cuban organizations such as those you describe in your letter of January 2, 1996, is essential. Second, it is important that each U.S. participant understand the specific purpose of the conference, not regard it as an opportunity to engage in business discussions which are not contemplated by the Regulations, and be able to demonstrate his or her philanthropic interest as a potential sponsor of licensable activities.

We would call to your attention the Administration's guidelines on support for the Cuban People (enclosed), particularly the section on applicants' capabilities and accountability. This section states, "[A]n important factor in licensing determinations is the degree of assurance that the [United States Government] can have that the applicant has the wherewithal to ensure that the proposed activity will be carried out as described in the license application and consistent with embargo regulations. Prior experience with the type of activity proposed and/or prior experience and familiarity with Cuba, while not an absolute requirement, do serve to indicate that the applicant has



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the ability to carry out the activity in Cuba as proposed."

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me  
(202/ 622-2480).

Sincerely,



Steven I. Pinter  
Chief of Licensing  
Office of Foreign Assets Control

Mr. Michael J. Ryan  
ABC Forum on Cuba, Inc.  
113 Fourth Street, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20003

Enclosure



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

Cuban Assets Control Regulations

License No. C-18167

LICENSE

(Granted under the authority of 50 U.S.C. App. 5(b), 22 U.S.C. 2370(a), 22 U.S.C. 6001 et. seq., Executive Order 9193, Executive Order 9989, Proclamation 3447, and 31 CFR Part 515)

To: **Michael J. Ryan, James McGovern & J. Bernard Robinson**  
(the "Licensees")  
ABC Forum on Cuba, Inc.  
113 Fourth Street, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20003  
Attn: Michael J. Ryan

1. Pursuant to your application of December 13, 1995, as supplemented January 2, 1996, the following transaction is hereby licensed: Transactions incident to travel to, from and within Cuba are authorized for a period not to exceed one week in duration (excluding departure and arrival days), for planning activities consistent with section 515.574 of the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 CFR 515, as amended, effective October 17, 1995.

2. This license is granted upon the statements and representations made in your application, or otherwise filed with or made to the Treasury Department as a supplement to your application, and is subject to the conditions, among others, that you comply in all respects with all regulations, rulings, orders and instructions issued by the Secretary of the Treasury under the authority of Section 620(a), Public Law 87-195, or under the authority of section 5(b) of the Act of October 6, 1917, as amended, and the terms of this license.

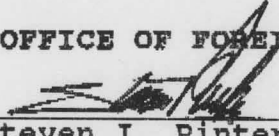
3. The licensee shall furnish and make available for inspection any relevant information, records or reports requested by the Secretary of the Treasury or any duly authorized officer or agency of the Secretary.

4. This license expires on January 30, 1996, is not transferable, is subject to the provisions of Title 31, Part 515 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and any regulations and rulings issued pursuant thereto and may be revoked or modified at any time at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury acting directly or through the agency through which the license was issued, or any other agency designated by the Secretary of the Treasury. If this license was issued as a result of willful misrepresentation on the part of the applicant or his duly authorized agent, it may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, be declared void from the date of its issuance, or from any other date.

5. This license does not excuse compliance with any law or regulation administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control or another agency (including reporting requirement) applicable to the transaction(s) herein licensed, nor does it release the Licensee(s) or third parties from civil or criminal liability for violation of any law or regulation.

Issued by direction and on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury:

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

By  1/4/96  
Steven I. Pinter / Chief of Licensing

[Attention is directed to 19 U.S.C. 1592 and 1595a, 18 U.S.C. 545, 18 U.S.C. 1001, 50 U.S.C. App. 16, and 31 CFR 515.701 et. seq. for provisions relating to penalties.]

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The ABC Forum On Cuba, Inc is a corporation organized in 1995 for educational purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The "Forum's" primary purposes are to:

1. Educate the general public about Cuba and the peoples of Cuba and the United States;
2. Sponsor research projects and academic exchanges to expand the understanding of major developments and current events in both countries;
3. Organize and sponsor conferences, policy forums, and other meetings which help educate leaders about the future of Cuba and ways of improving bilateral relations between Cuba and the United States; and
4. Support the activities of non-governmental organizations -- in Cuba and the United States -- that are working to strengthen civil society and promote human rights in Cuba.

The ABC Forum On Cuba, Inc cooperates to the extent permissible by law with the American Business Council On Cuba, Inc. The "Council" is a 501 (c)(6), non-profit membership based association that advocates lifting the U.S. embargo of Cuba, normalizing commercial and diplomatic relations between the United States and Cuba, and defeating HR 927 -- the Helms-Burton bill that seeks to economically strangle Cuba and inflexibly micromanage United States foreign policy for Cuba.

A major current project of the ABC Forum On Cuba, Inc is a conference in Havana from January 16-19, 1996 entitled "The United States and Cuba: A New England Perspective." Among the participants will be Congressman John Joseph Moakley (MA).

For further information, contact Michael J. Ryan, President

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