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By fax to: 202/622-1657

Dear Mr. Pinter,

Thank you very much for your thoughtful communication of December 29, 1995. This letter provides the information requested to enable your office to issue the ABC Forum On Cuba, Inc. a license for an advance trip to make final arrangements for the January 16-19 conference called "The United States and Cuba: A New England Perspective."

The objectives of the January 16-19 seminar are to:

1. educate and update participants about the latest developments in U.S.-Cuba relations, consider ways to encourage improvement in these relations and to promote the cause of peaceful, democratic change in Cuba;
2. identify specific ways participants can play a more active role in strengthening and fostering civil society in Cuba and increase significantly the flow of information to, from and within Cuba;
3. have substantive meetings with individuals and non-governmental organizations to identify the technical assistance, training, financial assistance and commodities that can be committed by US organizations to promote independent activity intended to strengthen civil society in Cuba;
4. engage in visits to locations where free market principles are at work to assess the extent of free market reforms and how best to encourage their consistent development; and

5. identify opportunities for the promotion of independent economic activities involving the self-employed, private farmers, young people interested in training to become entrepreneurs and others;

The latest, tentative list of conference participants includes:

Peter C. Aldrich, Co-Chairman of Aldrich, Eastman & Waltch
 John Pattillo, CEO of Aldrich, Eastman & Waltch
 James Arena-DeRosa, Director of Public Advocacy, Oxfam America
 Michael Delaney, Regional Manager LA & Caribbean, Oxfam America
 H.D.S. Greenway, Editorial Page Editor of The Boston Globe
 Richard Hartman, President North American Division of ITT Sheraton
 Kathryn A. Burns, Director Corporate Development of ITT Sheraton
 Larry Kessler, Executive Director, Aids Action Committee of MA
 Anthony E. Malkin, W&M Properties, Inc.
 Jonathan Malkin, President, Malkin & Co.
 Sydney L. Miller, President, Harry Miller Company, Inc.
 Hon. Joseph Moakley (MA)
 Jim McGovern, Senior Aide to Congressman Moakley
 John Weinfurter, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Moakley
 Gilbert S. Peirce, Vice President & Director International Banking, Bank of Boston
 Brian G. Rothwell, President, Bay State Milling Company
 Michael J. Ryan, President, ABC Forum On Cuba, Inc.
 J. Bernard Robinson, Counsel and Board Member, ABC Forum On Cuba, Inc.
 Isaac Shafran, Director, Louis Berger International, Inc.
 Regina M. Villa, President, Villa and Associates

For the advance trip, Jim McGovern, Bernie Robinson and I will arrive in Havana from Miami (C&T charter flight # 8607) midday Sunday January 7, 1996 and will return to the United States on or before Thursday January 11.

During this advance trip we will meet with officials of the U.S. Interest Section in Havana, officials from the Catholic Church, The Cuban Commission on Human Rights and National Reconciliation, Concilio Cubano, CARITAS, Oxfam, and with Cuban government officials. Our activities during this advance trip will be focused on finalizing arrangements for the January 16-19 Conference in accord with the Conference objectives set forth above and conducting an on-island assessment to develop specific proposals which support for the Cuban people.

During our advance trip, we will organize Conference panel discussions highlighting Oxfam America's partnership with Asociacion Nacional de Agricultores Pequeños. We will also arrange meetings among management experts who participate in this Conference and fledgling Cuban business owners and between the Boston Globe's H.D.S. Greenway and independent journalists. These and related Conference discussions will promote the purposes of the Support for the Cuban People regulations. The resulting media exposure for the showcased activities will enlist additional active supporters.

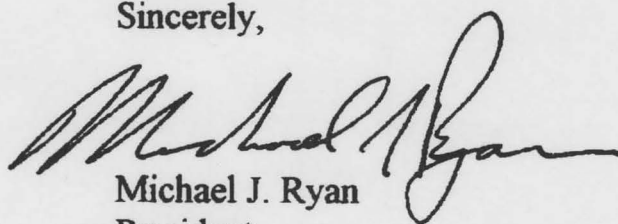
It is our short and long term goal to continue complying with US Government laws and regulations in order to increase support for the Cuban people, to promote civil society in Cuba and to encourage additional proponents of peaceful democratic change in Cuba. We believe that progress towards these goals can be achieved through dedicated educational efforts by organizations like the ABC Forum On Cuba, Inc. New advocates and activists can be effectively enlisted through seminars such as the one we propose from January 16-19.

The tentative list of participants set forth above are precisely the quality and caliber of leaders and experts needed to stimulate private U.S. organizations to play a more active role in strengthening and fostering civil society in Cuba. The proposed Conference will educate the participants and observers, which will make it much easier for them to become active thereafter.

If you require more information to issue the license for our advance trip, please contact me at your earliest convenience at (202) 543-3210.

We very much appreciate the advice and counsel you and your colleagues have provided us. Please let me know what additional information would be helpful to your collective deliberations concerning our request for a license for the January 16-19, 1996 Conference.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Ryan
President