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Honorable Joe Moakley
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Dear Joe:

I wanted to express my gratitude for the effort you and your staff made to ensure that last week's Cuba conference was such a success.

As a result of our meetings with government leaders, non-government organizations and dissidents I have a better understanding of the forces which influence Cuba today. That being said, it still is not abundantly clear in which direction US policy should move. The division among the dissident leaders on this point speaks to the delicate nature of the dilemma.

As I remarked to you during the conference, I believe that it is beneficial to have enhanced contact with Cuba, conditional upon increasing civil liberties and free market activities. The fledgling free enterprise activities we witnessed in Havana are the basis on which the country will be transformed into a more democratic-capitalist society. Additional contacts will make these forces stronger.

I hope to have the opportunity to speak with you and Jim McGovern in the near future.

Sincerely,



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