

Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Joseph Moakley
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Joe:

I was startled by the news reports regarding your trip to Cuba.

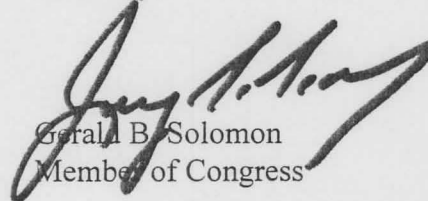
I hope it is not true that you brought businessmen along with you. It was my understanding that your trip was to focus on the human rights situation in Cuba, and I don't see the point in taking businesspeople along to discuss human rights.

The law states that travel to Cuba is only authorized for certain groups of people, such as journalists and people engaged in humanitarian activities. Business people are not among them. Further, as you know, we just recently passed HR 927, which will clamp down on business activity in Cuba even harder.

Joe, I know that you would not willingly flout the law or even a forthcoming law. But I hope that you have not been sucked in by business interests or left-wing efforts to let up the pressure on Castro.

I would appreciate a chance to discuss this matter with in the near future.

Sincerely,



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