

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 6, 1992

Dear Mr. Perez Roura

I want to thank you for the letter regarding our Cuba policy and to express my admiration for your dedication to the principle of freedom and democracy for Cuba, which is evident in the work you have done on your highly successful petition drive. As I am sure you are aware, Castro's dictatorship is very much on my mind, and I welcome your work calling attention to the "shameful totalitarian tyranny" in Cuba, as your petition so aptly describes the Castro regime.

Let me assure you that my support for the Cuban people suffering Castro's oppression is absolute. Our policy of pressuring Castro on every front is working. His regime is everyday more isolated within the community of nations. Even Castro's former friends in Eastern Europe and Russia condemn his human rights abuses and refuse to continue to prop up his regime with aid. We are working to toughen our economic embargo even more, and we will not have normal relations with Cuba until Castro is gone.

More and more Cubans are standing up to this dictator, and I am convinced that the Cuban people will bring him down and set Cuba free. Let me assure you that there is nothing in the Kennedy-Kruschchev understandings that prevents the oppressed people in Cuba from throwing off their shackles and freely choosing their leadership.

As I recently wrote in the Miami Herald, Castro's days are numbered. My hope is that the process will be peaceful and without bloodshed. I do not condone actions that break U.S. law, but I will do everything I can to support those striving within the law to free Cuba from Castro's illegitimate, desperate grip.

Please pass my appreciation to all those who signed your petition for letting their opposition to Castro be heard.

Sincerely,

