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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

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Director James B. Comey  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Comey,

I write to ask the Federal Bureau of Investigation to provide a full list of the fugitives from the United States justice system who currently are being provided sanctuary by the Castro regime, as well as additional information on their status in Cuba.

As you know, since 1959, Cuba has harbored scores of terrorists and criminals wanted for their involvement in the murder of U.S. law enforcement personnel, arms trafficking, and the hijacking of civilian airplanes. As of 2007, according to the State Department's Country Reports on Terrorism, more than 70 U.S. fugitives from justice were living in Cuba.

A May 2013 Congressional Research Service memorandum on U.S. Fugitives from justice in Cuba provided a partial list of the fugitives who are confirmed, or suspected, of residing in Cuba. This list includes several violent terrorists and criminals, such as:

- Joanne Chesimard, who the FBI placed on its list of Most Wanted Terrorists in 2013 for the execution-style killing of New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster. After being convicted in 1977 and breaking out of prison in 1979, Chesimard fled to Cuba in 1984 and has received continuous support from the Castro regime.
- Guillermo Morales, a convicted arson suspected to have played a role in the 1975 bombing of New York's Fraunces Tavern that left four dead - including New Jersey residents Frank Connor and Alejandro Berger - and more than 50 injured. Morales was sentenced to 89 years in prison on weapons charges, but escaped in 1979 and has received safe haven in Cuba since 1988.
- Charles Hill, who in 1971 hijacked a civilian plane carrying 49 passengers and fled to Cuba. Hill also is wanted for the 1971 killing of New Mexico State Police officer Robert Rosenbloom.
- Frank Terpil, a former Central Intelligence Agency officer and convicted arms trafficker who is wanted for his role in providing more than 20 tons of plastic explosives to the late Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi.

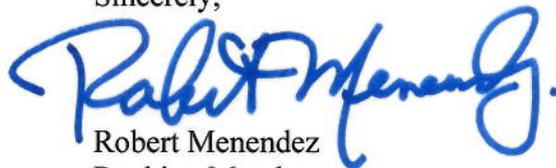
- Victor Manuel Gerena, who was added to the FBI's most wanted list in 1984 for bank robbery, unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, and theft from interstate shipment.
- Cheri Dalton, wanted for a string of robberies, including the 1981 holdup of an armored car in Nyack, New York, that was carrying \$1.6 million.

While the information on this limited, but representative, sample of U.S. fugitives sheltered by the Castro regime, to the best of my knowledge, no full listing of U.S. fugitives believed to be in Cuba has yet been released.

I would like to request a full list of every U.S. fugitive currently being provided sanctuary by the Castro regime. I would also like to request any additional information that has been compiled concerning the individuals named above, or for any other U.S. fugitive being harbored in Cuba. Finally, I would appreciate any information the FBI can provide concerning any subsidies, housing aid, job or language training, or any other form of assistance that Cuba has provided, or continues to provide, to U.S. fugitives from justice.

I very much appreciate any information and assistance that you can provide in response to this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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