TO: Senator Pell
   Senator Javits
   Robert H. Dockery
   David H. McKillop
   Thomas G. Hughes
   Albert A. Lakeland, Jr.

From: Mary McLaughlin

Subj: Trip to Cuba

1. **Schedule** -- Attached

2. The plane on which you will travel from Homestead Air Force Base to Havana is a Chalk International Airlines amphibious plane, No. N-2970. The pilots have had their passports validated for two round trips to Havana, but they are not to leave the Havana Airport on either day.

3. Bob Dockery will have all the passports and treasury licenses in one package, and will be responsible for them.

4. Mr. Hromadka of the Czech Embassy informed me last night that their Ambassador in Havana expects that you will be staying at the Havana Libre -- the old Havana Hilton.

Attachment
Friday, September 27

11:45 A.M. - Lv Senate
12:15 P.M. - Ar Andrews AFB, via US AF plane
12:30 P.M. - Lv Andrews AFB
3:00 P.M. - Ar Homestead AFB
3:15 P.M. - Lv Homestead AFB-(Chalk Intl. Charter*)
4:45 P.M. - Ar Jose Marti International Airport, Havana

*Chalk International Airlines
Plane No. N-2970

Saturday, September 28 - In Havana

Sunday, September 29 - In Havana

Monday, September 30 -

8:15 A.M. - Lv Jose Marti International Airport
9:45 A.M. - Ar Homestead AFB
10:00 A.M. - Lv Homestead AFB
12:30 P.M. - Ar Andrews AFB
1:00 P.M. - Ar at Senate via military car

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Officials of Chalk International Airlines will be with the Chalk plane at Homestead AFB. They are:

Steve Maher, Manager, Miami office
Steve Norton, Executive Vice President

Your Pilots are: Donald A. Sumrall
James M. Cothran
IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT TO ENTER CUBA. IN THIS RESPECT, APPLICATION FOR A CUBAN VISA (PERMISSION) CAN BE MADE AT THE EMBASSY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, 3900 LINNEAN AVENUE, N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008 OR AT THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY.

THE CUBAN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT PROHIBIT ALL UNLICENSED TRANSACTIONS BY AMERICANS WITH CUBA OR NATIONALS THEREOF INCLUDING PAYMENTS FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES, FOR ACCOMMODATIONS, OR FOR SERVICES. THEY ALSO PROHIBIT AMERICANS FROM MAKING UNLICENSED PURCHASES IN CUBA OF ANY GOODS WHETHER FOR CONSUMPTION, EXPORTATION OR IMPORTATION INTO THE UNITED STATES. APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE NECESSARY LICENSE AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU MAY REQUIRE SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL, TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220, OR THE FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL DIVISION, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK, 33 LIBERTY STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10045.

A DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE LICENSE MAY ALSO BE REQUIRED ON ITEMS THE TRAVELER IS TAKING TO CUBA OTHER THAN (1) PERSONAL BAGGAGE AND (2) TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT OWNED BY THE TRAVELER AND NECESSARY TO HIS TRADE OR OCCUPATION. QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NECESSITY FOR A DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE LICENSE SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF EXPORT CONTROL, WASHINGTON, D.C., OR ANY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FIELD OFFICE.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO CUBA BY WAY OF MEXICO AND BACK TO THE UNITED STATES AGAIN BY WAY OF MEXICO, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO OBTAIN A MEXICAN TRANSIT VISAS FOR YOUR RETURN TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SUCH A VISA, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO APPLY, IN PERSON, TO THE MEXICAN IMMIGRATION MINISTRY IN MEXICO CITY BEFORE YOU DEPART FROM MEXICO FOR CUBA. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE EMBASSY OF MEXICO IN HAVANA HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO REFUSE CATEGORICALLY TO DELIVER TRANSIT VISAS FOR MEXICO TO UNITED STATES CITIZENS WHO ARE RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES, FROM CUBA, BY WAY OF MEXICO. ONLY THE MINISTERIO DE GOBERNACION IN MEXICO IS COMPETENT TO DELIVER SUCH VISAS. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CANNOT ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY IN MEXICO VISA HATTERS.

IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT OUR GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA AND OUR INTERESTS ARE BEING REPRESENTED BY A THIRD COUNTRY (SWITZERLAND). SINCE WE LACK DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT WE CANNOT EXTEND TO AMERICAN TRAVELERS THE PROTECTION WHICH CITIZENS CAN EXPECT IN A COUNTRY WITH WHICH WE HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL DURING YOUR VISIT AND THAT YOU REGISTER AT THE SWISS EMBASSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL SO THAT THE EMBASSY MAY BE AWARE OF YOUR PRESENCE IN CUBA.