

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Monday, October 21, 1974

UNITED STATES SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Senators Javits and Pell Report on Cuba Trip

In a written report to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on their recent visit to Cuba, made under Committee auspices, Senators Javits and Pell state that the Cuban Government is interested in improving relations with the United States and the Senators recommend five steps to be considered by the United States to signal its desire for improved relations. These are: relaxation of present regulations restricting the travel of Cuban diplomats at the United Nations to a 25-mile radius of the center of Manhattan; relaxation of restrictions on travel by American citizens to Cuba; a signal to the Cubans at the upcoming Organization of American States (OAS) meeting in Quito, Peru, that the U.S. is interested in progressing toward a normalization of relations; relaxation of restrictions on third country trade with Cuba; and Senate hearings on Senator Fulbright's proposed repeal of the Cuba Resolution of 1962.

In their 3½-hour conversation with Prime Minister Castro, the Senators emphasized United States concern over: (a) the security implications of the Soviet military presence in Cuba; (b) the alleged Cuban policy of "export of revolution" to other nations of Latin America; (c) humanitarian issues, including the plight of political prisoners in Cuba, the separation of Cuban families and political repression in general; and (d) compensation for seized American property. They reported that the Cuban leaders, in their talks with the Senators, placed greatest stress on their "feeling of grievance respecting the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba." The Senators also reported orally on their trip to Secretary of State Kissinger who said he found their report interesting and useful.