

Oct. 9th, 1974

The following is the text of a message delivered by the Czech Ambassador at three o'clock in the afternoon, Wednesday, October 9th, 1974 for Senators Pell and Javits from the Acting Cuban Foreign Minister:

The Cuban government appreciates highly the gesture of goodwill by the Senators in coming to Cuba. As a response to their initiative and gesture of goodwill towards the two Senators, but not towards the government of the United States, and as Fidel Castro indicated in his interview with the Senators, the Cuban government has decided to release four Americans and has asked the Czech Ambassador to so inform the Senators immediately.

The Cuban government states the Senators can do with this information what they wish. End of message.

The Czech Ambassador stated that he will telephone his Embassy in Havana that he has delivered the message so that the Cuban government can make the necessary technical arrangements for the release of the prisoners and inform the Swiss Embassy accordingly.