

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

The Honorable J. W. Fulbright  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Herewith is our report on our recent trip to Cuba.

As you know, Mr. Chairman, we made this trip in response to the Committee's action earlier this year calling for a review of United States policy toward Cuba. We believe our trip was useful, a necessary first step in the review process. We also believe our trip was a successful one -- Secretary of State Kissinger said he found our report to him on the trip interesting and useful.

As evidence of success, we are pleased to point to the recent decision, subsequent to the preparation of this report, by the Cuban Government to release four American prisoners. We interpret this action by the Cuban Government as an important gesture of goodwill. It indicates, in our judgment, the positive nature of our trip and as a tangible result it deserves an appropriate response from our Government, hopefully along the policy lines recommended in our report. The text of our joint statement on the release of the Americans is included

as appendix C of our report.

Mr. Chairman, we wish to thank you for your assistance in the undertaking our trip. We also wish to thank Secretary of State Kissinger, who agreed to validate our passports for the trip. Finally, we wish to express our appreciation to Premier Castro and the other officials of the Cuban Government for the courtesies and hospitality extended to us during our stay in Cuba, for the friendly atmosphere in which we exchanged views frankly, and for the decision of the Cuban government to admit some thirty American press and media personnel in conjunction with our visit.

Sincerely,

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