

send his highest ranking spy to Washington and influence key officials to ease that embargo.

Is it working? Well, let us just see.

Earlier this year the White House expanded commercial flights to Cuba. The President allowed U.S. residents, not just those with family in Cuba, to send larger amounts of money to individual households, which simply gives Castro the hard currency he needs to prop up his communist regime. He allowed direct mail service between our countries, the President did, and finally he has authorized the sale of food and agriculture products to "private companies" in Cuba.

One more policy decision that could be influenced should be considered. Only December 3, 1998, a 7.2 metric ton cocaine shipment bound for a state-owned company, Union del Plastico, in Havana, Cuba, was seized by Colombian National Police in Cartagena, Colombia. The consigned company was a joint venture with two minority Spanish partners, who contend they were not partners, but rather shipping and purchasing agents for the Cuban government.

Cuban "spin" started the day after the seizure with Castro's anti-narcotics police searching the company's premises with drug dogs and coming up with no traces of drugs there whatsoever.

Cuban police claimed the shipment was destined for Spain, without any proof. Castro made a speech on January 4, 1999, identifying the two Spaniards as the culprits in this scheme which had been alleged to operate without his government's knowledge and complicity. That is baloney. The U.S. State Department has bought this story from Castro and accepted his claims as evidence and proclaims the shipment was headed for Spain.

However, two House committees and one Senate committee have conducted a thorough investigation into this shipment and determined the shipment was likely headed to the United States, 7.2 metric tons of cocaine through Mexico. The Cuban company has a subsidiary, Plastimex. There is a company bearing that name located right across the U.S. border in Juarez, Mexico.

Regardless of the final destination, the 7.2 tons of cocaine, Cuba, as a recipient of this shipment, should meet the criteria to be placed on the major list of countries who traffic or transit illicit narcotics.

The Cuban government has been complicit in drug trafficking for decades as a method of collecting much-needed hard currency to keep Fidel Castro's regime in power.

As a matter of fact, Raul Castro, Fidel's brother, is under indictment for drug trafficking in Miami, Florida. So, influencing decisions to keep Cuba off the major's list and look the other way on drug trafficking would sure help Castro, and it is working.

The Clinton Administration is assisting Castro in his coverup by sending two Coast Guard personnel to Havana to help promote the image that Fidel Castro is getting tough on drugs, and this is simply not the case. It is a public relations campaign by the Castro regime to repair its tarnished image on the drug front.

The Clinton Administration is doing nothing but strengthening Castro's position. Clearly this 7.2 ton drug seizure should place Cuba squarely on the major's list.

Not to mention the increased overflights of Cuba by drug trafficking planes, which have been unchallenged by Fidel Castro. Also drug trafficking fast boats into Cuban territorial water go without a challenge from the Cuban navy.

It seems strange that the Cuban Air Force can shoot down two unarmed American civilian planes out of the sky and Castro's Navy can sink a tugboat full of innocent women and children, yet they cannot respond to the hundreds of increased drug trafficking activities in Cuban air space and territorial waters.

Mr. Speaker, the granting of a visa for Mr. Garcia Bielsa is an affront to the national security of the United States. The American people will be outraged when they learn that a top Cuban spy known for his support of terrorism and espionage is allowed to set up shop real close to the White House here in Washington.

Why should Mr. Bielsa be allowed to live and work in Washington, D.C.? The Cuban Interests Section, as I said, is not in need of personnel. Quite the opposite. Prior to 1994, the Cuban Interests Section contained 24 staff and, according to the Cuban-American National Foundation, nearly all of whom were intelligence agents.

According to the Congressional sources today, the espionage presence in the Cuban Interests Section is nearly doubled. Granting a visa to Mr. Garcia Bielsa is more than misguided, because this man and his mission here pose a real threat to our Nation's security right here in the United States.

Mr. Garcia Bielsa is not just an ordinary Cuban citizen or a visiting diplomat. He is a principal spy and a leader within Castro's inner circle. With Mr. Bielsa using Washington, D.C. as a base of operations, Castro's campaign to discredit the U.S. and our commitment against communism has been invigorated.

I believe Mr. Garcia Bielsa's presence in Washington, D.C. will, without a doubt, enhance Castro's ongoing operations against the United States. That is why I sent a letter, along with four of my colleagues, to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright expressing our concerns over these troubling reports. We also asked her to provide us with answers to a few simple questions.

First, why were the views of the Federal Bureau of Investigation not respected in the decision to grant a U.S. visa to Mr. Bielsa?

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Second, has any representative of the Department of Justice or the FBI provided any information to the State Department regarding Mr. Garcia Bielsa's anti-U.S. espionage spying or pro-terrorism activities? Did this information talk of his contact with Puerto Rican terrorists or so-called nationalist groups?

Three, if the State Department did have knowledge of Mr. Garcia Bielsa's activities, who instructed his visa be accepted?

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I hope we receive accurate and helpful responses to these questions because we now know that China has stolen classified information on every thermonuclear warhead in the U.S. ballistic missile arsenal, including the W-88 warhead, our most modern warhead; we also know that Chinese penetration of our national weapons labs spans at least the past several decades and certainly continues today; finally, because the Chinese Government used illegal fundraising channels in this country to influence the 1996 presidential elections.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that the time has come for our government to cease and desist with these shortcuts that have led to a breach of our national security and initiate a more rigorous system of scrutinizing the campaigns of hostile nations against the U.S., and I believe that Mr. Bielsa's visa should not be approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2981. An act to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through March 31, 2000.

#### INDONESIA'S SHAMEFUL MILITARY OCCUPATION OF EAST TIMOR AND WEST PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I have entitled my remarks tonight to my colleagues and to my fellow Americans as Indonesia's Shameful Military Occupation of East Timor and West Papua New Guinea, or also known as Irian Jaya.

Mr. Speaker, this week the House of Representatives considered legislation,