

Letter to Congressional Leaders on Title III of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996

July 16, 1997

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to subsection 306(c)(2) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-114), (the "Act"), I hereby determine and report to the Congress that suspension for 6 months beyond August 1, 1997, of the right to bring an action under title III of the Act is necessary to the national interests of the United States and will expedite a transition to democracy in Cuba.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,

July 16, 1997.

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Jesse Helms, chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; Ted Stevens, chairman, Senate Committee on Appropriations; Benjamin A. Gilman, chairman, House Committee on International Relations; and Robert L. Livingston, chairman, House Committee on Appropriations.

Statement on the Resignation of Walter Dellinger as Solicitor General

July 16, 1997

With deep regret, I accept the resignation of Walter Dellinger as Solicitor General. Walter Dellinger has been an outstanding advocate for the American people. He has fought tirelessly and courageously for the rights of all Americans. He has represented this country in some of the most important cases ever decided by the United States Supreme Court, and in each case,

worked hard to assure that the Court understood the national interest and not just the particular interests of the selected few. Walter is one of Nation's most brilliant constitutional scholars, and I know his students are delighted that he will return to teaching. But we will miss his talent, his leadership, his energy, and his sense of justice.

Message to the Congress Transmitting the China-United States Fisheries Agreement

July 16, 1997

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), I transmit herewith an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China Extending the Agreement of July 23, 1985, Concerning Fisheries Off the Coasts of the United States, with Annexes and Agreed Minutes, as amended and extended. This Agreement, which was effected by an exchange of notes at Beijing on

June 6 and July 1, 1996, extends the 1985 Agreement to July 1, 1998.

In light of the importance of our fisheries relationship with the People's Republic of China, I urge that the Congress give favorable consideration to this Agreement at an early date.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,

July 16, 1997.