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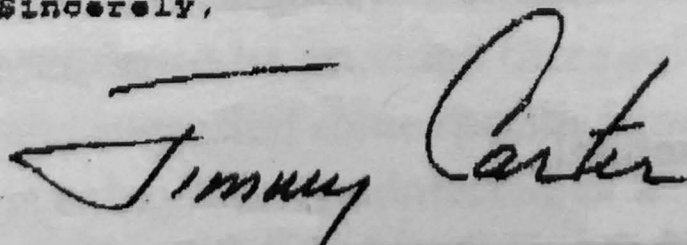
To President Fidel Castro
through Cuban Office at the United Nations

Top officials in Washington, who had approved previously, have now requested that I cease my communication with you, except to fulfill my promise of a response from last night. Concerning the issue of legal immigration levels, the number of 28,000 will be honored. In fairness, I am now informed that the Wednesday meeting will be confined more strictly to immigration matters than I had earlier believed. Former Ambassador Mike Scole will be heading the U.S. delegation. I was told that other avenues of communication (unknown to me), will be used to respond to the questions of a) rescinding recent actions by President Clinton if rafters are restrained and b) a confirmation of the non-aggression policy expressed by President Bush in May 1991.

I regret this development, but want you to know that I have been meticulous in speaking cautiously and only with authority. Also, I appreciate your frankness and constructive responses, and enjoyed our personal exchanges.

I will be leaving this evening for Africa and Russia, and will send you a trip report when I return. My hope is that you and American officials will be successful in finding some common ground on which to resolve the present crisis and to prepare for a future resolution of long term differences. Despite these present restraints, I would like to stay in touch with you. You have my telephone numbers both at home and at The Carter Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Jimmy Carter".