

Congress of the United States

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The Honorable John Kerry
Secretary of State
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The Honorable Jeh Johnson
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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The Honorable James Clapper
Director
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Washington, D.C. 20511

Dear Secretary Kerry, Secretary Johnson, and Director Clapper:

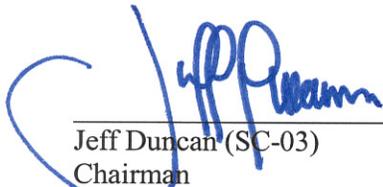
In response to multiple press reports that a U.S. Hellfire missile was sent to Havana, Cuba, we write requesting a full accounting of how such a sensitive U.S. weapon was shipped to the greatest counterintelligence threat to the U.S. in Latin America. We also want to know what actions have been taken to retrieve the missile.

At the time that the missile was reportedly shipped to Cuba in 2014, U.S.-Cuban diplomatic relations remained severed, the U.S. trade embargo and sanctions were fully in place, and the U.S. considered Cuba an active "State Sponsor of Terrorism." Furthermore, Cuba maintained close bilateral ties with Iran, North Korea, Russia, Syria, and Venezuela; it publicly supported Iran's illicit nuclear ambitions; it boasted a large intelligence apparatus aimed directly at the United States; and it was known to have overtly trafficked U.S. national security secrets to other regimes.

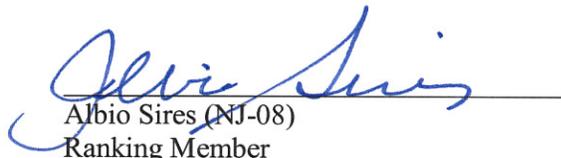
Also at the time the missile was reportedly shipped to Cuba, the White House was in secret talks with the Cuban government over reestablishing diplomatic relations. According to press reports, the U.S. government has attempted to get Cuba to return the missile but has been unable to get the missile back.

With the loss of such a sensitive U.S. asset to a country with such a dangerous record, compounded by the apparent unwillingness of the Cuban government to return this asset to the United States, what are the U.S. national security implications of U.S. actions to normalize relations with Cuba without requiring Cuba to return this missile first to the United States? Likewise, what assurances do we have that other missiles aren't missing? Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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