The Cuban Five
Wrongly accused. Unjustly convicted.
14 years in U.S. prisons.

Men who prevented terrorism do not belong in prison.

Col. Lawrence Wilkerson | Chief of Staff for Secretary of State Colin Powell, 2002-2005
“The Cuban Five’s mission was to gain information on hardline Cubans in Florida who in the past have conducted attacks against Cuba; and to ascertain if U.S. logistic and training support for such attacks continued. That the U.S. Government was involved in prejudicing their trial through payments to journalists is deplorable.”

“I believe that the detention of the Cuban Five makes no sense, there have been doubts expressed in U.S. courts and by human rights organizations around the world. They have now been in prison 12 years and I hope that in the near future they will be freed to return to their homes.”

Miguel D’Escoto | President of the United Nations General Assembly, 2008-2011
“The Cuban Five were in the United States because they infiltrated, not government agencies, but the terrorists who work out of Miami, to stop their attacks. Miami has been one of the biggest terrorist havens in the world. The government’s pretext of a global war against terrorism is not credible when the most distinguished of anti-terrorism heroes are punished. President Obama has the power, without needing to go to any court, to immediately correct this.”

“The Cuban Five came here to try to protect their country. They were acting non-violently. They were trying to prevent violence originating in the United States from harming people in Cuba. The Cuban Five have to be free. They stand for freedom. They stand for peace.”

Amnesty International | October 2010 Report
“(Having reviewed the case extensively over a number of years, the organization believes that there are serious doubts about the fairness and impartiality of their trial which have not been resolved on appeal. … Amnesty International is supporting calls for a review of the case by the U.S. executive authorities through the clemency process or other appropriate means.”

Alice Walker | Pulitzet Prize, The Color Purple
“There is no reason in the world why the Cuban Five, who were trying to protect their country, should be shut away in prisons. The American people have a deep sentiment for justice. When the people learn of the Cuban Five’s lifesaving mission, they too will demand their freedom.”

10 Nobel Prize recipients | Statement of November 2011
Günter Grass, Adolfo Pérez Esquivel, José Ramos-Horta, Wole Soyinka, Nadine Gordimer, Rigoberta Menchú, José Saramago, Zhores Alferov, Darío Fo, Máiread Corrigan Maguire
“Every person has the right to a just trial and fair treatment. The situation of the Cuban Five who were arrested and tried in Miami proves the lack of equanimity and justice in the United States of America.”

UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detentions | Five-judge opinion issued on May 27, 2005
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Free the Cuban Five Now!

Who are the Cuban Five?
Gerardo Hernández, Ramón Labañino, Antonio Guerrero, Fernando González and René González, known as the Cuban Five, were arrested on Sept. 12, 1998 by the FBI, convicted in a Miami court in 2001 and sentenced to terms ranging from 15 years to double life. They were falsely charged and wrongly convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage and related charges.

The Cuban Five were peacefully trying to do what U.S. law enforcement authorities have refused to: prevent terrorism.

On August 9, 2005, a three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously refused to: prevent terrorism.

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New evidence: Washington secretly paid Miami journalists
The Cuban Five were tried in Miami, a city dominated by Cuban-American exiles and politicians who have perpetrated or supported violent attacks against the people of Cuba. Despite a violent atmosphere in Miami against the Five and their repeated requests to change the trial venue, the judge refused to move the trial out of Miami.

The presence of Miami journalists on the U.S. government payroll — through Radio and TV Martí — who pretended to report as “independent” press, goes to the heart of the unjust conviction of the Five. They were not only the victims of a politically-motivated prosecution, but a covert government-funded propaganda operation as well.

Through Freedom of Information Act petitions, the National Committee to Free the Cuban Five, working with the Partnership for Civil Justice Fund, has uncovered substantial information about the U.S. government’s secret collaboration with the media. The U.S. government is continuing to withhold documents about its secret payments to the Miami journalists.

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