

October 17, 2004

To U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

We respectfully request that you grant entry rights into the United States, of the following individuals who are Cuban citizens and live in Cuba, in order to be able to visit their husbands, currently incarcerated in U.S. prison:

- Olga Salanueva Arango, wife of René González, reg.#58738-004, who is currently in F.C.I. Edgefield, South Carolina, and
- Adriana Pérez O'Connor, wife of Gerardo Hernández, reg.#58739-004, who is currently in U.S.P Victorville, California.

The two women, upstanding and productive citizens of their country of Cuba, should be able to visit their husbands on humanitarian grounds. People in the United States and around the world are aware of their situation. There is no justifiable reason to keep the families separated.

We have read about their situation, and believe that the women do not pose a security risk in any way to the United States.

The U.S. Supreme Court, pursuant to the decision of *Overton vs. Bazzetta*, June 16, 2003, held that the state cannot interfere with the right of children and spouses to visit a prisoner.

Ivette González, the youngest child of René González, although a U.S.-born citizen, has not been able to see her father for over four years. She is only six years. As long as her mother, Olga Salanueva, is prohibited entry into the United States for visits with her husband, Ivette is also denied visits with her father.

The Court states in *Overton*, "It is reasonable to ensure that a visiting child is accompanied and supervised by those adults charged with protecting and serving the child's best interests."

We are also concerned about the lengthy delays in the granting of visas to family members of the other prisoners who are part of the same case known publicly as "the Cuban Five." The men are Ruben Campa, #58733-004; Luís Medina, #58734-004, and Antonio Guerrero, #58741-004.

We hope you will review this matter favorably and grant entry visas into the United States for the five men's family members, and help keep the families together.

Sincerely,

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