

RELEASE IN PART B6

**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J [SullivanJJ@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2009 5:31:50 PM  
**To:** habedin [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re:

B6

F-ers forgot your email changed -- sent the below 15 ago

Nothing on State Dept but leaves open the chance for her to announce she start opening a channel. I'm pissed they slow-rolled this -- gave me text and then changed last minute...but she can own this...

Here it is:

Toward that end, the United States seeks a new beginning with Cuba. I know there is a longer journey that must be traveled in overcoming decades of mistrust, but there are critical steps we can take toward a new day. I have already changed a Cuba policy that has failed to advance liberty or opportunity for the Cuban people. We will now allow Cuban Americans to visit the island whenever they choose and to provide resources to their families - the same way that so many people in my country send money back to their families in your countries to help them pay for their everyday needs.

Over the past two years, I have indicated - and I repeat today - that I am prepared to have my administration engage with the Cuban government on a wide range of issues - from human rights, free speech, and democratic reform to drugs, migration, and economic issues.

Let me be clear: I am not interested in talking for the sake of talking. But I do believe that we can move U.S.-Cuban relations in a new direction.

---

**From:** Huma Abedin  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Sent:** Fri Apr 17 17:21:55 2009  
**Subject:**

Here. No white house staff in sight. Did u reach denis? Its a madhouse here.

HA 09/01/2015