

they're making now about the final deal. But consistency is the hobgoblin of narrow minds.

Cuba. I will tell you, we did not get into the level of detail, Karen, that you just described. And I'm impressed with how many details you seem to be aware of. [Laughter] As I said before, the state sponsor of terrorism recommendation will be coming to me. I will read it; I'll review it. There's a process whereby if in fact I accept those recommendations, Congress has an opportunity to review it as well, and it will be there for people to see.

I think that the concerns around the Embassy are going to be mostly on the Cuban side. They haven't dealt with an American Embassy in Cuba in quite some time. And changing in this way is, I'm sure, an unsettling process. We're accustomed to this. I mean, we've gone through now a number of times where, with China and with Vietnam and other countries, we opened—reopened diplomatic relations, and we understand, I think, are familiar with, how that gets done in a way that's consistent with improving diplomatic relations over the long term. This is probably a more profound shift for them than it is for us.

But we stand ready to move forward. We're confident that it can lead to an improved dialogue. And our bottom line in the end is, is that it can lead to an improved set of prospects for the Cuban people.

And I'll say just in closing, to all the people here from Latin American countries, thank you for this extraordinary opportunity. I want to thank the people of Panama. I am very optimistic about this region, and the main reason I'm optimistic about this region is because of its people. They are extraordinary. And it is a great gift to the United States to be able to have such strong friends and partners in tackling many of the challenges that we have in common.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President's news conference began at 5:26 p.m. at the ATLAPA Convention Center. In his remarks, he referred to lawyer Laritza Diversent and political activist Manuel Cuesta Morúa, who met with the President as representative members of Cuban civil society; Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel; Sens. Robert P. Corker, Jr., and Benjamin L. Cardin, in their respective capacities as chairman and ranking member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. He also referred to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization; and the Joint Plan of Action (JPOA) regarding Iran's nuclear program reached by the U.S., China, France, Germany, Russia, the United Kingdom, and Iran on November 24, 2013. A reporter referred to former President Fidel Castro Ruz of Cuba.

## Memorandum on Delegation of Reporting Functions Specified in Section 1637(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015

April 13, 2015

*Memorandum for the Director of National Intelligence*

*Subject:* Delegation of Reporting Functions Specified in Section 1637(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby delegate the reporting functions conferred upon the Presi-

dent by section 1637(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291) to the Director of National Intelligence.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

BARACK OBAMA

NOTE: This memorandum was not received for publication in the *Federal Register*.