

U.S. Presents Cuba Its Plan For Moving Refugees to Miami

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The United States has presented to the Cuban government a specific plan for moving Cuban refugees to Miami. The State Department announced yesterday that Washington has sent a note through the Swiss Embassy in Havana giving a detailed position on arrangements to permit the orderly movement of the refugees.

Officials here said that resettlement of some refugees in Latin American countries is a "distinct possibility." They also said that those exiles remaining in the United States would be resettled in places away from Miami as soon as possible.

These moves are in response to Cuban Premier Fidel Castro's offer to allow Cubans to leave their native land.

The State Department declined to reveal details of its proposal because it is under discussion with the Cuban government.

The announcement, however, clearly cautioned the Cuban

government that the United States expected the refugee movement to be orderly.

State Department spokesman Marshall Wright said that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's refugee center in Miami has already compiled names of immediate relatives in Cuba of many of the exiles in the United States.

President Johnson said on Sunday, during the signing of the new immigration law, that relatives of those already here would be given first priority. About 15,000 to 20,000 are expected to enter, if agreement is reached with Castro.

Second priority will go to political refugees, of which 15,000 to 30,000 are expected, if negotiations with the Cuban government are successful.

The State Department also issued a plea to all Cuban exiles in the United States to stay where they are and avoid interfering with Government efforts to maintain order during the movement of people from Cuba.

Wright said that a number

of inquiries had been received from Cubans in the United States about what is being done and about particular individuals.

He promised that Cubans now residing here would be kept fully informed.

Wright said that the United States has no plans to change its restriction on travel of American citizens to Cuba. Castro has suggested that these restrictions be lifted.

The State Department spokesman indicated that the Government is not negotiating the travel issue. "Discussions with the Cuban government," he said, "are limited to the movement of Cuban refugees to the United States."