

# Some Conditions on Refugee Transfer Accepted by Cuba

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Cuba has accepted some, but not all, of U.S. proposals for bringing Cuban refugees to the United States, the State Department said yesterday.

A new Cuban note to Washington made some counterproposals but left the door open for further negotiations, a Department spokesman said.

The text of the Cuban note was telephoned to Washington this morning by the Swiss Embassy in Havana, which handles U.S. diplomatic relations in Cuba.

It was in reply to a U.S. note delivered in Havana Friday, outlining detailed U.S. proposals to follow up a general offer made by Prime Minister Castro, under which Cubans would be free to travel to this country.

State Department Press Officer Marshall Wright said the Cuban note appeared to reach agreement on these points.

- It accepted the U.S. principle that first priority should go to Cuban citizens who have members of their immediate

families living in the United States.

- It accepted the U.S. definition of what would constitute "members of immediate family" — namely, parents, spouses, children and brothers and sisters.

- The note stated agreement in principle, but gave no definite commitment, that both sides would try to discourage a "disorganized or irregular movement of refugees."

- Wright indicated there was no agreement, and there will have to be further negotiations, on:

- What refugees would have second priority. (The United States has suggested political prisoners).

- Ports of Embarkation, method of transportation, dates, and whether the International Red Cross would participate.

The State Department spokesman declined to spell out exactly what Castro's counterproposals were on these points.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk told the Senate Foreign

Relations Committee yesterday that he was "not pessimistic" about prospects for working out a satisfactory plan for orderly movement of the Cuban refugees to this country.

As the diplomatic maneuvering went on, more than 100 additional Cuban refugees succeeded in running the stormy Florida straits in tiny boats yesterday.

Those arriving were intercepted by the Coast Guard in the straits and went through preliminary processing at the Coast Guard base before being sent on to the refugee center in Miami.

No attempt was made to arrest the boat crews that sailed the small craft to Cuba to pick up relatives. Customs officials, apparently uncertain what to do with the crews, simply put them through the processing with the refugees.

## Departures Held Up

Once crewmen said he realized his voyage to his homeland was in violation of U.S. immigration laws but added: "It is better to spend two



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Cuban refugees about to disembark at Key West look for familiar faces ashore.

years, in jail in the United States than two weeks in prison in Cuba."

A report from Cuba indicated that Castro was temporarily holding up all further de-

partures because of stormy conditions in the straits.

To date, about 200 refugees have come out in 12 small boats.

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al reporter at the departure center at Camarioca, Cuba, said that about 200 persons were there already with another 500 outside seeking admission.