

Firing Line, William L. Buckley with E.Howard Hunt Jr. and Mario Lazo.

[near conclusion] Buckley (to Lazo)I don't understand your taking the position that the American Justice Department is acting perversely in prosecuting people who plead guilty to breaking American law.

Lazo: There's something that lies beyond -- above that -- love of country -- let me put it this way. I feel that I'm in the presence of a great man [Hunt] sitting here, one of the great men of our time. You know, when we left Cuba, my wife and I were left with two dollars. To lose everything you've made in your entire life, at the end of a long life, is very bad. To lose a friend, the way Barker lost his friend, the way this gentleman recently lost his wife, is much worse. But when you lose honor, you lose ~~everything~~ everything. And he hasn't lost. These men have not lost their honor, as far as we believe, and I can assure you that the 650,000 Cubans in this country have the highest regard for them. Don't you be concerned. We're going to help you in every way we can, and you still have your honor -- that's the important thing.

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