

## Cuba's threat to United States national security

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Over the next few months, leaders from Congress, the Executive Branch, academia, and the media will come to Heritage to lead focused discussions on the many ways that Castro's Cuba threatens U.S. national security. A number of security issues stand out:

- Cuba is aggressively spreading anti-Americanism throughout Latin America and is deeply involved in backing and advising the increasingly totalitarian and virulently anti-U.S. regime of Venezuelan dictator-President Hugo Chávez.

- Since Raul Castro took the reins as acting head of state in 2006, Cuban intelligence services have intensified their targeting of the U.S. Since 9/11, however, U.S. intelligence agencies have reduced the priority assigned to Cuba.

- Cuba's Directorate of Intelligence (DI) is among the top six intelligence services in the world. Thirty-five of its intelligence officers or agents have been identified operating in the U.S. and neutralized between 1996 and 2003. This is strong evidence of DI's aggressiveness and hostility toward the U.S.

- Cuba traffics in intelligence. U.S. intelligence secrets collected by Cuba have been sold to or bartered with Russia, China, North Korea, Iran, and other enemies of the United States. China is known to have had intelligence personnel posted to the Cuban Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) site at Bejucal since 2001, and Russia continues to receive Cuban SIGINT information. Additionally, many Cuban intelligence agents and security police are advising Hugo Chávez in Venezuela.

- Cuban intelligence has successfully compromised every major U.S. military

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## The Castro/Chavez axis

By FRED THOMPSON  
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We're coming up on the 45th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis and I think it's worth talking about. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy faced down the USSR, risking total war, and forced the Soviets to remove ballistic weapons from Cuba. Missiles located less than a hundred miles from America were aimed at the US.

A lot of people, I think, have forgotten. Most schools don't even teach about it in any real detail. Judging by the indifference that many people have to the nuclear arming of Iran, I think it's a lesson almost entirely lost -- except among Cuban-Americans.

Over the years, they've never stopped watching "el Comandante" -- or warning us about him. At the same time, they've been criticized by people who say that Castro is really no threat. Current events in South America, though, have proven that we should have been listening to our Cuban-Americans friends.

Last week, when Hugo Chavez officially killed press freedoms, even a big part of Venezuela's far left seemed to realize that they'd created a monster. Unfortunately, it may be too late. He's already packed

Venezuela's high court, legislature and military with his loyalists. Additionally, Castro sent thousands of his Communist apparatchiks to help transition Venezuela from a free country to a totalitarian state.

The Venezuelan and Cuban axis of influence operates openly in Bolivia, Ecuador and Nicaragua. Chavez proved and he still believes that democracies can and should be overthrown by force when he led an unsuccessful coup attempt against the democratic Venezuelan government in 1992. After his pardon, he lived in Cuba for two years. Perhaps the biggest reason for concern is that Chavez has formed strong bonds with Iranian President Ahmadinejad.

No one seriously doubts, though, that Chavez would love to get his hands on nuclear weapons. We should also remember that Cuba sold Iran the means with which to develop biological weapons.

America is facing a growing threat from Latin American totalitarianism and we need to call on those who are most familiar with it to lead the resistance. And the least we can do is free Radio and TV Marti and let them fight for freedom in the realm of ideas.



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# Building on solid foundations

Last November third, the members of our Party and leaders of a number of sister organizations gathered for a breakfast at La Carreta Restaurant, in southwest Miami to listen to doctors Luís Gómez Domínguez and Alberto Luzarraga, experts in their respective areas of specialization. Doctor Gómez Domínguez is an authority on constitutional law and Dr. Luzarraga has devoted most of his professional life to the study and practice of processes of privatization as well as to policies of taxation and currency issue. The goal of these type of activities promoted by the Party is to break the cycles of political improvisation that destroyed the Cuban Nation and provide the technical knowledge that will help the future leaders of our country in the task of building on solid foundations a system that will foster prosperity and freedom for all Cuban.

In the interest of space, following are some to the main ideas advanced by the speakers. Doctor Gómez Domínguez said:

-"In each and every crisis in Cuba, the governments of Washington and Havana have reached an agreement".

-"After listening to the last speech by President Bush, although I do not believe in a military invasion by the U.S., I do believe that, this time, Washington is going to force a democratic change in the island."

-"It is of paramount importance to achieve a peaceful and organized transition in our country."

-"We need public tranquility in order to achieve political stability, to foster economic development, to attract foreign investment capital and to return hope to the Cuban people".

During his dissertation, Dr. Luzarraga stressed:

-"Inflation is the most devastating form of taxation because it impoverishes the poor in a very subtle way."

-"The central bank of any small country must exercise the utmost care in staying away from hyperinflation in order to prevent the erosion of democracy."

-"In Cuba, fifty years of issuing currency without the corresponding production of goods and serv-



From left to right: Dr. Alberto Luzarraga, Dr. Luís Gómez Domínguez, Secretary General, Alfredo M. Cepero and Secretary of Information Frank Resillez.



Partial view of those in attendance.

ices has lead to a cruel inflation that has immersed the Cuban people in a horrendous poverty."

-"Therefore, the main challenge for the future leaders of the Cuban nations is to prevent an inflation that will undermine democracy and provide an argument to the recycled communists as a democratic opposition."

-"The present Cuban peso is worthless and our goal should be to achieve a convertible Cuba Peso like the one we had in 1959. To reach that goal we need to build monetary reserves and to increase production of goods and services."

-"I also suggest to function on the basis of a dollar economy for the necessary time to arrive at a true convertible Cuban Peso. In

this case, we could apply the so called Hong Kong formula where, in order to issue a peso, the Cuban government must have a dollar in reserve."

-"This monetary policy must be closely related to a just and transparent privatization whereby the new government would sell state properties in favorable conditions."

-"In the matter of the foreign debt, I strongly support the idea of not paying a single cent to those who profited from their association with the tyrant. We have the precedent of the so called "odious debt" whereby the Cuban government of 1902 refused to pay Spanish claims for expenses incurred during the war of independence."

# Honoring a leader, a people and its heroes

Last October 6th, in the course of an official ceremony at the White House, President George W. Bush, bestowed the Presidential Medal of Freedom upon Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet, Prisoner of conscience and President of the Lawton Foundation for Human Rights. His struggle for the right to life of the unborn and the human rights of the Cuban people have made Dr. Biscet a worthy recipient of this honor, granted only to personalities that have rendered outstanding services to human kind.

In a gesture of true altruism, in accepting the award, Dr. Biscet's wife as well as his children and the members of the Lawton Foundation stated to have accepted the honor in the name of all prisoners of conscience under the Cuban communist dictatorship. It

could also be said that this action by President Bush is a recognition to the enslaved people of Cuba and to the thousands of heroes that have fallen in this half century fighting for freedom and democracy for our country.

Within exactly the same context, our Nationalist Democratic Party of Cuba, granted its first award of Champion of Liberty for the year 2005 to Dr. Biscet. In following years the award was granted to economist Martha Beatriz Roque, former President of El Salvador, Licentiate Francisco Flores and prisoners of conscience Jorge Luis García Pérez (Antunez) and Victor Rolando Arroyo Carmona.

At the time of his nomination for the award by congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, our Secretary

General, Alfredo M. Cepero, wrote President Bush stating:

Dear Mr. President: Our Party strongly support the nomination by congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Dr. Oscar Elías Biscet González as candidate for the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Dr. Biscet, President of the Lawton Foundation for Human Rights and a self professed disciple of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, was sentenced to 25 years in prison for defending the rights of the unborn and demanding political

freedom as well as respect for human rights for the people of Cuba.

A recognition of his struggle by you will go a long way toward preserving the life and health of this outstanding Cuban, as well as give hope to other members of the opposition inside the island. I take this opportunity, Mr. President, to ratify to you the testimony of my highest consideration.

**Very truly yours,  
Alfredo M. Cepero  
Secretary General.**

## Elections, communist style

Dated in Cuba on the 29th of October and under the signature of Rafael Ernesto Avila Perez, President of the New Nation Alliance, we received an independent report about the elections for the seventh legislature of the National Assembly of Popular Power. The electoral process ran from the 21st to the 28th of October with the election of 15,236 delegates who down the road will become members of the Municipal Assemblies of the 169 municipalities of the country. In a second stage, scheduled for the month of December of this year, will take place the election of the 609 members of the National Assembly of Popular Power. Upon the closing of this second stage, the New Nation Alliance will issue a final report not only about the results but about the irregularities incurred during the electoral process.

During this first stage and exercising the rights granted under articles 131, 132 and 133 of the Cuban Electoral Law, members of the New Nation Alliance monitored 1,197 precincts of the 37,324 distributed around the country. A break down by provinces will show that the volunteers of the New Nation Alliance visited the following precincts: 127 in Pinar del Río, 723 in Ciudad Habana, 83 in Habana province, 51 in Matanzas, 21 in Cienfuegos, 79 in Villa Clara, 54 in Ciego de Avila y 59 in Camaguey. The eastern provinces could not be monitored due to the rains and floods that battered them during the months of September and October.

Among the many irregularities uncovered by the teams of the New Nation Alliance were: lack of privacy for voters, votes suggested, names omitted from electoral lists, double registration of voters, use of pencils instead of ink, exclusion of citizens from votes scrutiny, data manipulation and exclusion of Cuban citizens in international missions in flagrant violation of their rights granted by the Communist Constitution of 1976. In order to denounce and correct this violation, the New Nation Alliance is in the process of suing before the courts the Minister of Justice and President of the National electoral Council, Maria Esther Reus Gonzalez.

However, the electoral circus was not only exposed by the revelation of the prior irregularities but was even admitted by the communist government itself, in light of a disobedience and absenteeism without precedence in prior elections. Disobedience and absenteeism worthy of more admiration when we take into account the intimidations and pressures applied upon its citizens by totalitarian regimes like the one run by the Castro brothers. Even the official newspaper Granma admitted that 320,981 ballots were not marked by voters, 251,959 were annulled and 297,748 citizens did not exercised their vote. In total, 870,748 people or 10,52 percent of the 8,473,833 citizens in the electoral lists said NO, in one fashion or another, to the communist regime. Never before this type of rejection has gone above 150,000 people.



OSCAR ELIAS BISCET

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operation since the 1983 invasion of Grenada and has provided America's enemies with forewarning of impending U.S. operations.

• Beijing is busy working to improve Cuban signals intelligence and electronic warfare facilities, which had languished after the fall of the Soviet Union,

integrating them into China's own global satellite network. Mary O'Grady of the Wall Street Journal has noted that this means the Chinese army, at a cyberwarfare complex 20 miles south of Havana, can now monitor phone conversations and Internet transmissions in America.

# Fidel Castro has yet to face justice

By **BONNIE ANDERSON**  
(Excerpts)

It is deeply wrenching to witness a week of lavish celebrations honoring Fidel Castro's birth when most likely every day, somewhere in the world, anguished families quietly mourn the death of a loved one at the hands of this heartless, evil man. That Fidel, himself, may be dying is not much comfort to me. I believe in justice and while he will be judged by God when he dies, he has yet to be judged on Earth for his crimes against humanity.

My father, Howard F. Anderson, was only one of 20,000 people tortured and executed by Fidel Castro. Before my Dad's execution by firing squad, he had most of his blood drained from his body to be used for transfusions for the revolutionary troops. This ruthless dictator robbed me of a lifetime with my father, a lifetime of fatherly advice, a lifetime of memories.

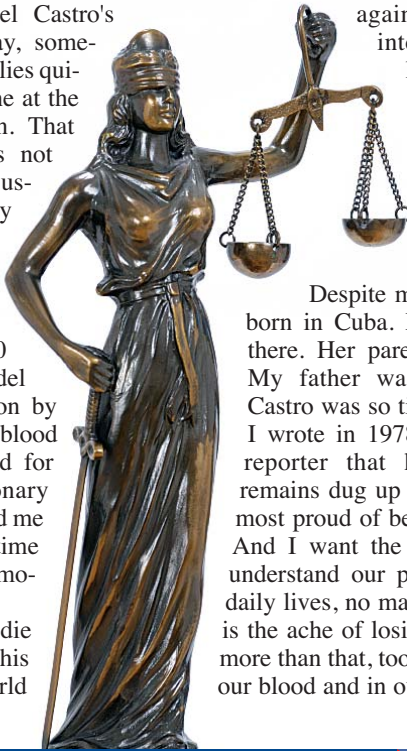
So no, I don't want to see him die this way, of natural causes, or at this time. I have always hoped the world

would recognize him for what he is and that Fidel Castro would be judged, convicted and sentenced for his crimes against humanity in an international court of law. A death from old age is far, far too lenient a punishment for a man who has killed so many people, destroyed the lives of literally millions.

Despite my Anglo name, I was born in Cuba. My mother was born there. Her parents are buried there. My father was buried there until Castro was so ticked off by an article I wrote in 1978 as a Miami Herald reporter that he had my father's remains dug up and thrown out. I am most proud of being Cuban American. And I want the rest of the world to understand our pain. It is part of our daily lives, no matter where we live. It is the ache of losing a country, but it is more than that, too. It is a loss we feel in our blood and in our bones.

Cuban exiles can't expect others who have not experienced what we have to actually know our pain and understand our passion for wanting to address the wrongs done us. Rape victims can't expect that. Neither can the parents of children who have been killed by drunk drivers, or family members who have lost loved ones in the current Iraq conflict. The most we can hope for is compassion. The day that Castro's illness was first reported, I woke up very early and was watching CBS. On their early morning shows, they repeatedly said that "Castro is considered a ruthless dictator by some in Miami."

I fired off an e-mail to CBS President Sean McManus. What I wrote, in short, was this: If a man who murdered 20,000 people, imprisoned for decades hundreds of thousands of others, caused countless hundreds of thousands to flee the country and has repressed a nation for nearly five decades -- denying them the most basic of human rights -- is not considered a ruthless dictator by all, who the hell is? I haven't heard back from him. But I have faith in my fellow American citizens. And I know, in my heart and spirit, that when the truth is known, those of us who have suffered at the hands of Fidel Castro will finally receive the compassion we are due.



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