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Office of Information Programs and Services  
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Washington, D. C. 20522-8100

Dear FOIA Information Officer,

The following material is filed pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act* (5 U.S.C. § 552, *et. seq.*). The request for Department of State ("Agency") records contained herein includes:

1. A copy of a statutorily-required report to Congress from the Secretary of State referenced in *Sec. 207(a)* of the *Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act of 1996* (*Pub.L. 104-114, 110 Stat. 785, 22 U.S.C. § 6021-6091*). The Report was due the Congress 180 days after the enactment of the law. President Bill Clinton signed this measure into law on March 12, 1996; and,
2. Agency records, including e-mail, cables, memoranda, and other responsive information in print or in any other medium or format, that led to the compilation of the Report required pursuant to *Sec. 207* of the *Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act of 1996*.

For the following reason, we respectfully request expedited processing pursuant to a "compelling need" as provided for by 22 C.F.R. § 171.12(b).

The Department of the Treasury and the Department of Commerce amended, at least two times this year, the *Cuban Assets Control Regulations* ("CACR") and the *Export Administration Regulations* ("EAR") ("the Regulations"). These amendments will allow persons subject to U.S. law to engage in activities in and with Cuba that will adversely affect the interests of 5,913 Americans holding certified claims against the government of Cuba. These claims were adjudicated and certified to the Secretary of State by the

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Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the Department of Justice.

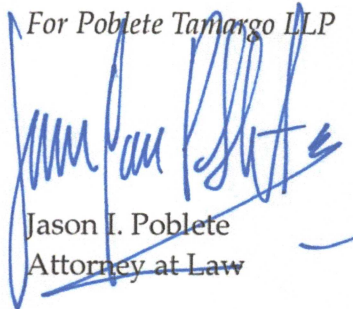
We are concerned that trafficking on real property in Cuba that is subject to the certified claims will result as a consequence of the amendments to the Regulations. Foreign companies, and well as other persons subject to U.S. law, that are engaging in transactions with Cuba, may be subject to penalties, warnings, and other U.S. government action pursuant to, *inter alia*, Title IV of the *Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act of 1996* (Pub.L. 104-114, 110 Stat. 785, 22 U.S.C. § § 6021-6091).

In order to properly defend our clients' interests including the due process and other Constitutional rights that will be negatively impacted by recent U.S. government actions toward Cuba, we require the information requested herein. In conclusion, we are willing to pay fees up to maximum of \$150. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please contact me at 703.566.3037.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter,

Sincerely,

For Poblete Tamargo LLP



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