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HUMPHREY OUTLINES "PRO-FREEDOM" PROGRAM FOR CARIBBEAN

The Senate Majority Whip, Hubert Humphrey, today took the Senate floor to attack what he termed the "ridiculous and shabby fabrication that Cuba is a military threat to the United States." At the same time he outlined a series of "pro-freedom" steps which he said the United States must take if the true threat of Cuban communist subversion of friendly Latin American governments---particularly in the Caribbean---is to be destroyed. He listed them as follows:

1. A flat statement that United States force will be used against any aggression by Cuban communist forces anywhere in the hemisphere.
2. Creation of a "showcase for democratic progress" in the Dominican Republic, Cuba's neighbor in the Caribbean.
3. Coordination of the Voice of America with a greatly stepped-up AID effort in the Dominican Republic.
4. Creation of an inter-American police force to stabilize any crisis in the Dominican Republic's neighbor, Haiti, in the event of a fall of the Duvalier dictatorship.
5. Welding of a cohesive allied policy of embargoing trade with the Cuban communists---leaving it to the Soviet Union to bail out the faltering Cuban economy if it can.
6. A stated policy that the United States will extend aid and comfort to the enemies of Cuban communism who are also the friends of freedom.
7. A policy of stronger insistence on self-reform by the privileged classes of Latin America, to permit faster economic and social progress.

8. Seek Cooperation from NATO allies on Shipping to Cuba.

(EXCERPTS FROM ADDRESS FOLLOW)

*It is mischievous and misleading to say that Cuba represents a military threat to the U.S.*

*"The Castro regime will not be allowed to export its aggressive purposes by force or threat of force"*

*we will use force*

*Democ Showcase*

*(X) Propaganda*

*Inter-Am Police Force in Caribbean Area*

*Caribbean*

*Punta del Este*

*1 hr to 9 hr in Spanish 3 hours to Cuba*

## CUBAN COMMUNISM THREAT TO LATIN AMERICA--NOT UNITED STATES

It is ridiculous, and it is insulting to the American people, for grown men to wring their hands publicly about Cuba's being a military threat to us. There is enough American firepower afloat off Cuba at any one moment to destroy every major Communist installation in Cuba in a few hours. We know exactly where these installations are, and Castro knows that we know.

The Republican jingoists who have been shouting for an invasion of Cuba know this, and they are being thoroughly dishonest and cynical in their calls to arms.

You don't brush off houseflies with sticks of dynamite. And you don't write off our friends in Latin America with an impetuous display of lost temper.

These totally irresponsible Republican cries of "wolf" about Cuba's military strength are apt to confuse our people so thoroughly that they will not respond to the challenge which the Soviet penetration of the hemisphere through Castro communism really represents. That challenge is serious, and it must be met with steady resolution and calm determination.

### A PRO-FREEDOM PROGRAM FOR THE CARIBBEAN

Here are the immediate steps which I propose the United States Government take:

1. We should reaffirm that any aggressive moves by Castro's forces---against our planes, or ships, or installations, electronically or in terms of the actual use of force---will be met with immediate counter-force. This would apply in the case of any attack against the forces and territories of any of our neighbors in the Caribbean or the rest of Latin America. If the Castro dictatorship wants to play soldiers up and down Cuba, that is one thing. But we will not permit, and we do not have to permit, aggression from Cuba under any circumstances.

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC CAN BE A DEMOCRATIC SHOWCASE

2. We should set as our primary goal in Latin America for the next twelve months the establishment of a showcase for democratic progress---immediately next door to Cuba---in the Dominican Republic. We should take off the drawing boards and put into action plans which have been drawn for a massive assault there on illiteracy and disease, for a crash program in public housing, and for the bootstrapping of the economy of the Dominican Republic. We have planned and studied long enough. Now is the time for dramatic action. Let us get on with the job.

### STEPPED-UP VOICE OF AMERICA

3. Let us thereby give our USIA, our Voice of America, an opportunity to be specific to the Cuban people about what will be happening a few miles from their shores---the Alliance for Progress. We can step up our already impressive efforts to reach the Cuban people directly. The American people should know that since the Kennedy Administration has come into office, the hours of Voice of America shortwave being broadcast in Spanish have increased from one hour per day under the Republicans to nine hours daily. Three of those hours are specifically programmed for Cuba. All nine can be heard on Cuban shortwave sets. What is needed, however, are more successful action programs in the Alliance for Progress, that the Voice of America can talk about to the Cuban people.

### AN INTER-AMERICAN POLICE FORCE

4. We must take the leadership in the OAS to counter the most likely leapfrog of Castro communism---the jump to the chaos-ridden western end of the island of Santo Domingo---to Haiti,

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sharing the island with the Dominican Republic. We should request from the OAS an international police force ready to come to the aid of the leaderless Haitians in the event that Mr. Duvalier takes the bloody fall that seems inevitable. If we cannot secure such an agreement, we should take all steps as will be necessary to prevent the substitution of a Castro-directed dictatorship if the present Duvalier regime topples.

#### AGREEMENT ON EMBARGOING TRADE WITH CUBA

5. We must take all steps necessary to weld a cohesive inter-American and NATO policy on trading with the Cuban regime. The Cuban economy is in deep trouble. It has been mismanaged to the point of near-desperation. If the Russians want to drain their own sparse economy in order to bail out the Cuban economy, then let us have the peaceful competition that Khrushchev is always talking about. Let the Russians support the Castro regime, and let us support the Dominican democracy, and help our neighbors to the south, as well, to rise from poverty and disease and ignorance. If we can support the brilliant beacon light that West Berlin represents to the Soviet's eastern European satellites, how much easier it will be to point up the shocking contrast of the Castro communist failure with the success of the Alliance for Progress.

#### AID TO FRIENDS OF FREEDOM

6. We must make it clear to both friend and foe throughout Latin America that we are prepared to give aid and comfort to all those who wish to resist Castro communism and who are also friends of freedom. If democratic regimes fear assassination, we have specialists to help counter such threats. If free regimes need our assistance against Castro-type guerrillas, we should stand ready to assist with counter-insurgency support. We should reaffirm our policy of asylum to Cuban patriots. We should redouble our efforts to encourage the formation of a responsible and democratic Cuban government in exile.

#### INSISTENCE ON GENUINE REFORM

7. There are those who talk of "getting tough." It is, indeed, time to get tough---to get tough with the selfish, blind interests in Latin America who prefer losing their wealth in a bloody revolution to investing their wealth for the benefit of their countrymen.

We must get tough with swaggering irresponsibles in these very halls of Congress who are willing to destroy the entire Alliance for Progress in order to make political capital in November.

It is time to take a hard line with those Allies of ours who are willing to give lip-service to the idea of hemispheric solidarity, but who will trade with anyone---even a Castro---for profit.

Finally, it is time to get tough with ourselves, as well: to face up to the implications of the monstrous weapons systems that we have created, and the terrible disaster that a war with nuclear weapons will mean for all mankind. We cannot lightly commit acts of war. When we fight---and the Soviet leaders know that we have fought and we will fight---we fight when all other courses of action are exhausted. We must not permit Cuba's proximity to obscure the hard fact that American fighting men may well face the immediate threat of Soviet power in the next months on the corridors into Berlin, against first-class weapons and in the face of overwhelming odds. Those who are so anxious for us to involve our troops in Cuba should pause to consider whether we should not rather be gathering our forces for the defense of far more vital interests than the presence of a friendly regime in Cuba.

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