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For Your Information:

Obama Calls for Cuba's "Independence from Cuban Authorities"

In the most up-to-date White House policy on Cuba (1/14/11) the Office of the Press Secretary outlined the real program of the Obama administration.

In Obama's view, the best ways to reach the U.S. goals of "independence from Cuban authorities" and "support of their desire to freely determine their country's future," is to combine the embargo with other kinds of actions.

This formula has been a mainstay of the U.S. government's policy on Cuba for the last 55 years, as have successive presidential modifications to the White House policy. With Obama in office, the Cuban Asset Control & Customs & Border Protection regulations now allow: "1) purposeful travel; 2) non-family remittances; and 3) U.S. airports supporting licensed charter flights to and from Cuba."

Ever since the Cuban revolution, the campaign of subversion against Cuba carried out

by consecutive U.S. administrations has included such actions as threats of nuclear annihilation (the Cuban Missile Crisis), promotion of domestic subversion, illegal radio and television broadcasts, infiltration of spies and saboteurs, plans to assassinate Cuban leaders, terrorist activities, biologic warfare, the support of armed counterrevolutionary gangs, giving shelter to incursions of planes and boats coming to Cuba from U.S. territory to carry out aggressions, a campaign of repeated provocations by airplanes coming from the U.S. and so on.

From the very first days of Obama's presidency, the monopoly controlled media has been filled with stories of Obama's "openness" towards Cuba and possible plans for lifting the embargo. But the facts show that Obama openly declares that U.S. aims are to overthrow the Cuban government and change

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U.S. Treasury Department Acts as World's Policeman

On October 16, the U.S. Treasury Department press center announced a new round of symbolic sanctions on Syria. The press release outlined a dossier of financial transactions allegedly blowing the whistle on a variety of individuals and business entities.

The dossier shows that the U.S. government has been spying on and sanctioning individuals and business entities for nothing more than earning a living. In the dossier the U.S. Treasury Department denounces as criminal anyone "acting for, providing support to, or for being senior officials of, the Syrian regime." This corruption of the mission of the U.S. Treasury Department is used to create a hysteria about so-called Syrian "human rights violations."

According to the chauvinist logic of the

press release, a member of Syrian society is only "good" if he or she actively joins with the U.S. in opposing the current Syrian state.

Even in the one case where real criminal activity is alleged, the press release does not mention the alleged crimes as violations of Syrian law. In that case, without proof, a Syrian Brigadier General is defamed as a torturer. According to the divine wisdom of the U.S. Treasury Department, this kind of anti-social conduct does not merit a call for a trial, only economic sanctions!

Sanctioning individuals and businesses wouldn't be considered military blackmail if it weren't for the fact that in today's world the U.S. military and CIA openly boast of an assassination policy. Over the last several years

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Steadfast Opposition to the U.S. Blockade of Cuba

For the 23rd time, the United Nations General Assembly has clearly and overwhelmingly pronounced in favor of ending the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States on Cuba.

Washington's blockade against Cuba flies in the face of world public opinion and it shows once again that it is both the Democrats and the Republicans which refuse to recognize the sovereign and inviolable right of Cuba to determine its own affairs, free of foreign intervention and pressure. Obama openly declares that U.S. aims are to overthrow the Cuban government and change Cuba's economic and social system.

The UN General Assembly vote against the U.S. blockade of Cuba also reveals the hypocrisy of the U.S. government. The U.S. government routinely uses the UN Security Council as a vehicle through which it – along with the other big imperialist powers – can dictate the affairs of other countries while claiming to have the authority of international law and the UN.

For over five decades following the Cuban revolution, the U.S. government has followed an aggressive foreign policy toward Cuba which has included direct military intervention, threats of nuclear annihilation (the Cuban Missile Crisis), and even assassination attempts on Fidel Castro organized by the CIA.

The economic blockade, first enacted in 1960, imposes a total ban on all food, medicine, equipment and raw materials from the U.S. The embargo was further tightened in 1992 by passage of the "Torricelli Bill" which, in a blatant violation of the sovereignty of other states, imposed sanctions against other countries that trade with Cuba. The

"Helms-Burton" Act of 1996 not only extended such sanctions even more, but also openly proclaim that the U.S. aim is to overthrow the present economic and political system in Cuba

Long before the birth of Fidel Castro, U.S. armies invaded and occupied Cuba and U.S. imperialism was robbing the wealth and exploiting the people of the country. Today, the illegal blockade and aggression against Cuba aims at restoring U.S. neo-colonial domination of the country.

But the world today is not the same as it was before the Cuban revolution. The Cuban people have risen to their feet and are determined to defend their dignity and national independence. They have declared that the political and economic system of their country are not matters for the U.S. government to decide.

For 55 years, the Cuban people have not only resisted but defeated the aggression of U.S. imperialism. In the face of U.S. military invasions, overt and covert subversion, intense ideological and political pressure and an economic embargo, the people of Cuba have refused to bend their knee. They have continued along the path of their revolution, defending their national sovereignty and independence and determining for themselves their economic and political system.

The peoples of Latin America especially find inspiration in Cuba's struggle to live free of the yoke of Yankee imperialism. So too, people from all walks of life in the U.S. have come out, again and again, in manifold ways to defend Cuba's right to sovereignty and independence and to demand an end to the racist, anti-Cuba policy of the U.S. government.

World's Policeman

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hundreds of individuals branded as terrorists have been assassinated in sovereign countries by U.S. remote controlled aircraft.

In Syria, U.S. imperialism is not any more interested in "stopping violence" or defending "human rights" than anywhere else in the world – when it brought to power and propped up such notorious and brutal dictators as Suharto in Indonesia, the Shah in Iran, Duvalier in Haiti, Marcos in the Philippines, Pinochet in Chile, the U.S. puppet regime in Iraq, etc., etc., etc.

The alternative to U.S. imperialism's increasingly reckless and unstable program of dictate, domination, and intervention is to build a broad popular front against war and militarism which fights for a democratic foreign policy – for the withdrawal of all U.S. military forces stationed abroad, for an end to all aggressive military alliances and pacts, for an end to U.S. interference and intervention against other countries and people.

Cuba

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Cuba's economic and social system.

Already Obama has intensified interference and pressure against the Cuban people by aggressively implementing extraterritorial laws and regulations which try to dictate the behavior of the whole world and discourage trade with Cuba. In addition, Obama has intensified a U.S. campaign of subversion.

In one recent example, White House spokesperson Jay Carney admitted that the administration's rationale for overtly breaking Cuban laws and trying to organize a chauvinist and demagogic twitter campaign was to "strengthen civil society."

Just like the misinformation campaign in the monopoly controlled media, Obama's high sounding phrases about "independence from Cuban authorities," "strengthening civil society," etc., are meant to divert from the aggressive, antipeople character of the U.S. policy of pressure, interference and subversion against Cuba.