

Criminal indictment of Castro, when?

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The case of Elián González again highlighted the double standard of justice in the US under the administration of Bill Clinton. Supported without question by the Attorney General Janet Reno, this government continues to invoke "the rule of law" (the rule of law) like the dogma or "mantra" necessary to justify, by way of law, what has only been a discretionary proceeding by the Attorney General. The public perception of legality is apparently more important in this society than truth or justice itself.

Similarly, the U.S. Attorney General could have, under the protection of the law and without interference from Castro and Clinton continued with the initial course taken by the Immigration Service in November, to send the child's case to a family court in the State of Florida. This decision would have been widely accepted in our community, for having had its "day in court" that has so far been refused.

It is us now, covered by "the rule of law", who once again demand from the Attorney General Janet Reno the legal process that is owed to us as victims of the terrorist act of February 24, 1996. On this infamous day Armando Alejandro Jr., Carlos Costa, Mario de la Peña and Pablo Morales were executed, before hundreds of witnesses aboard a tourist cruise in international waters north of Havana, by direct order from Fidel Castro. The crime remains unpunished and unresolved because of the Clinton-Gore Administration having acted that day with prior knowledge, consent and cooperation with the crime.

Answer, Ms. Reno: Perhaps the one who gave the green light for the crime is who impedes justice now? [sic] It takes more than four years for the prosecution of a confessed criminal? [sic] Will we have to wait until you retire from office so that we can include you as an accomplice, of those that covered up the crime?

Again, we ask all our brothers to join us in calling for truth and justice for our martyrs of February 24. Now, as it again becomes clear of the understanding between Castro and Clinton on the treatment of our child Elian González, it becomes even more necessary to expose the main perpetrators and accomplices of Cuba's pain, so that through this means we can save Elian. Make requests to other organizations you belong to, and of any american friends within the community (we have them). Write to congressmen and senators, write to the press. Call radio programs (English and Spanish).