

Foundation Supports Helms Request Concerning Spies

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On Wednesday the Cuban American National Foundation (CANF) supported Senator Jesse Helms call for Bill Clinton's government to energetically respond to the Cuban regime's attempts to spy on and sabotage military installations in the United States.

"It is imperative the United States immediately takes appropriate measures in response to this hostile act," asserted Jorge Mas Santos, Vice President of the CANF, in a letter addressed to the Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright.

In the missive, the CANF congratulated Helms "for demanding Castro take responsibility for what can only be described as an atrocious assault on the national security of the United States."

Last Thursday Helms, Republican Senator for North Carolina and President of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said before this body that the recent discovery "of a sophisticated network of spies operating on United States territory is a wake-up call to all who assume Fidel Castro has ceased to be the untiring enemy of America."

"The Clinton Administration simply can't and shouldn't leave incomplete its clear obligation to respond to this and other hostile acts from Cuba" stressed Helms.

The Senator recalled that, according to reliable sources, Cuban commandos have trained in Vietnam since 1990 "to carry out actions against military bases in the United States."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested in Miami, last September 12, a group of 10 Cubans that formed a network of alleged Cuban government agents, which had among its objectives, spying on the Southern Command installations in the United States as well as other military installations located in the south of Florida.

Among the measures proposed before the Senate by Helms is the "summary dismissal" of applications by Cuban diplomats to leave the limits of their respective venues in Washington and New York, and calls attention to Russia's continual electronic listening from the Lourdes Base in Havana.

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