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What A 21/22 March 2016 Visit To Cuba By President Obama Could Look Like...

<i>Day One</i>			
Departure	Arrival	Location	Activity
0650	0700	The White House	Marine One flight
0700	0930	Joint Base Andrews	Flight to Republic of Cuba
0930	0950	Jose Marti International Airport	Arrival Ceremony
0950	1130	United States Embassy	Welcome; tour of facility and meeting with United States Embassy staff
1130	1145	Malecón	Walk; selfies with Cuban citizens
1200	1400	Office of President Castro	Working luncheon
1415	1445	University of Havana Law School	Televised Lecture
1450	1550	Old Havana	Tour & enjoy a Café Cubano; shopping using a credit card/debit card
1600	1700	Apostolic Nunciature of Holy See	Meeting with Apostolic Nuncio and Archbishop of Havana
1710	1730	El Capitolio	Tour and stop for Café Cubano
1740	1900	Residence of U.S. Ambassador	Private Time and meetings with staff
1915	2130	Paladar	Dinner
2130	2145	Coppelia	Ice cream

<i>Day Two</i>			
Departure	Arrival	Location	Activity
0800	0830	San Francisco de Paula	Tour of Finca La Vigia ("Lookout House") residence of Ernest Hemingway
0915	0930	Office of President Castro	Bilateral meeting
1200	1210	El Aljibe	Lunch of roasted chicken and coconut ice cream
1310	1320	TBD	Visit with Licensed Self-Employed (cuentapropistas)
1340	1400	Stadium	First pitch at baseball game
1440	1500	Jose Marti International Airport	Departure to Santiago de Cuba (second-largest city)
1600	1700	Arrival Antonio Maceo Airport	Arrival ceremony
1730	1840	University of Santiago de Cuba	Televised address
1900	2000	TBD	Dinner and music performance
2000	2130	Antonio Maceo Airport	Official departure ceremony with President Raul Castro
2200	0900 (+1)	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Arrival

President Obama should not be accompanied on Air Force One by members of the United States Congress or governor or business executive/representative or celebrity. Only President Obama, Mrs. Obama and their two children.

If members of Congress want to participate, the official delegation should be small and bipartisan. The visit is not about the United States Congress and should not be used by the Obama Administration as an overt means to lobby for further legislative changes. The imagery of the visit should be the message. Politicians do not need any more photographs at taxpayer expense.

There should be representation from the United States business community. Not, however, representatives of business organizations and advocacy groups; or companies that engaged or attempted to engage in the export of products or provision of services to the Republic of Cuba. The delegation should include executives of companies that have yet to explore opportunities within the Republic of Cuba, especially young entrepreneurs who are focused upon internet-based sectors. Representatives of large banks should be included.

The President will meet with individuals and entities that will not please the government of the Republic of Cuba, but those meetings will be not a component of any official schedule.

The flight plan from Joint Base Andrews in Maryland will route over much of the State of Florida; there is irony in the shadow of the most recognized aircraft in the world casting darkness as it traverses community after community of people of Cuban descent who departed the Republic of Cuba because of the 1959 Revolution- Jacksonville, Tampa, Miami.

The imagery that is Air Force One landing at Jose Marti International Airport outside of the city of Havana is compelling. There remains a red carpet donated by Georgia-based Textile Rubber & Chemical Company upon which Pope John Paul II first stepped in January 1998 after departing the stairway from his Alitalia Airlines aircraft, "*Shepard One*." A public address system used by the Holy Father during the visit was donated by Illinois-based Motorola.

The imagery of "*The Beast*" transporting President Obama and his family through the Plaza de la Revolucion- past the immense image of Argentina-born Che Guevara on the building of the Ministry of Interior.