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### 1ac – relations

#### U.S.-Latin American relations are deteriorating --- undermines the development of strong regionalism

**Inter-American Dialogue, 12** – the Inter-American Dialogue is the leading US center for policy analysis, exchange, and communication on issues in Western Hemisphere affairs (“Remaking the Relationship The United States and Latin America”, April 2012, http://www.thedialogue.org/PublicationFiles/IAD2012PolicyReportFINAL.pdf)

**What is at stake is the future of inter-American relations**, which today

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missed . Well-developed ideas for reversing these disappointing trends are scarce.

#### The plan is the vital internal link --- greater economic engagement is the litmus test for engaging all of Latin America

**Perez, 10** ­– JD, Yale Law (David, “America's Cuba Policy: The Way Forward: A Policy Recommendation for the U.S. State Department” 13 Harv. Latino L. Rev. 187, Spring, lexis)

Anti-Americanism has become the political chant de jour for leaders seeking long-

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throughout Latin America, and would go a long way toward creating goodwill.

#### Cuba is the number one issue in U.S.-Latin American relations

**Perez, 10** ­– JD, Yale Law (David, “America's Cuba Policy: The Way Forward: A Policy Recommendation for the U.S. State Department” 13 Harv. Latino L. Rev. 187, Spring, lexis)

Third, the Obama Administration ignores Latin America at its own peril. Latin America's

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but also the pragmatism that has made America so great to begin with.

#### Now is key --- if Latin American countries don’t receive greater U.S. engagement, they’ll transition to independence

**Valencia, 5/20/13** – political analyst and contributing writer for Global Voices Online [Robert, “U.S. and Latin America: Economic Cooperation without Militarization?”, http://www.worldpolicy.org/blog/2013/05/20/us-and-latin-america-economic-cooperation-without-militarization)

In May, President Barack Obama visited Mexico and Costa Rica and vowed to strengthen

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**Latin America**n countries **will forge ahead with economic and security integration amongst themselves.**

#### The plan is key to bolster stronger regionalism --- key to Cuban democratization

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The democratic outlook in the Americas is on balance positive, particularly when compared with

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US concern about human rights violations, **would be an important first step.**

#### It also sparks a Cuban economic transition --- that’s the first step toward democracy

**Lopez-Levy, 13** (Arturo, “A Post-Castro Era Looms for Cuba”, April 17, 2013 Arturo Lopez-Levy is a PhD Candidate at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies of the University of Denver, http://www.fpif.org/articles/a\_post-castro\_era\_looms\_for\_cuba)

In the last five years, the Cuban government has created an important institutional foundation

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would put the U.S. embargo against the island in jeopardy.

#### Cuban democracy spills over to the rest of the region

**Santons, 8** – chairman of the Cuban American National Foundation (Jorge Mas, “How to Win the Cuban American Vote,” Washington Post, 25 October 2008, [http://articles.washingtonpost.com/2008-10-25/opinions/36910345\_1\_cuban-dissidents-travel-and-remittances-cuban-americans)](http://articles.washingtonpost.com/2008-10-25/opinions/36910345_1_cuban-dissidents-travel-and-remittances-cuban-americans)//BI)

U.S. policy toward Cuba is at best static and at worst counterproductive

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effect on Floridians and Cuban Americans nationwide. It has in the past.

#### Current Cuba policy wrecks OAS credibility

**Reuters, 12** (Brian Ellsworth, “Despite Obama charm, Americas summit boosts U.S. isolation,” 4/16/12, http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/04/16/us-americas-summit-obama-idUSBRE83F0UD20120416)

(Reuters) - President Barack Obama sat patiently through diatribes, interruptions and even

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," said Geoff Thale, program director at the Washington Office on Latin America

#### An effective OAS is key to Latin American democracy

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Even as Latin America expands its global reach and presence, it is important that

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, in order to regain a central role in inter-American affairs.

#### The plan sends a clear signal that reinvigorates the OAS

**White, 13** – Senior fellow at the Center for International Policy and former U.S. ambassador to Paraguay and El Salvador (Robert, “After Chávez, a Chance to Rethink Relations With Cuba”, New York Times, 3/7/13, http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/08/opinion/after-chavez-hope-for-good-neighbors-in-latin-america.html?pagewanted=all)//TL

FOR most of our history, the United States assumed that its security was inextricably

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cooperating in matters of common concern would be reduced to a historical footnote.

#### Latin American democracy is key to global democracy

**Hillman, 2** – Ph.D., Professor and Director, Institute for the Study of Democracy and Human Rights, St. John Fisher College (Richard S., Democracy and Human Rights in Latin Americai, Preface, p. vii) //SP

Latin American experiences, especially in the areas of democratization and human rights protection,

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human rights have definitively entered the political lexicon and discourse throughout the world.

#### Democracy prevents extinction

**Diamond, 95** - Hoover Institute Senior Fellow (Larry, “Promoting Democracy in the 1990s,” http://wwics.si.edu/subsites/ccpdc/pubs/di/fr.htm)

This hardly exhausts the lists of threats to our security and well-being in

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which a new world order of international security and prosperity can be built.

#### And empirics prove it prevents war

**Muravchik 1** (Josh, Resident Scholar – AEI, “Democracy and Nuclear Peace”, July, http://www.npec-web.org/Syllabus/Muravchik.pdf)

The greatest impetus for world peace -- and perforce of nuclear peace -- is the

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accommodate those interests except when the other party's behavior seems threatening or outrageous.

#### Relations spur effective global cooperation in preventing terrorist theft of nuclear weapons

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In addition to economic and financial matters, Brazil and other Latin American nations are

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consultation and collaboration on a new, more effective approach to the problem.

#### Terrorism is probable --- there’s nuclear theft now

**Dahl, 7/1/13** – Specialist Correspondent (Frederik, “Governments warn about nuclear terrorism threat,” 7/1/13, http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/07/01/us-nuclear-security-idUSBRE96010E20130701)

(Reuters) - More action is needed to prevent militants acquiring plutonium or highly

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. "Some material goes missing and is never found," he said.

#### Nuclear terrorism results in all-out nuclear war and extinction

**Ayson, 10** –Professor of Strategic Studies and Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies: New Zealand at the Victoria University of Wellington (Robert, “After a Terrorist Nuclear Attack: Envisaging Catalytic Effects,” Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, 33.7, InformaWorld)

But these two nuclear worlds—a non-state actor nuclear attack and a

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be admitted that any preemption would probably still meet with a devastating response.

### 1ac – plan text

#### The United States federal government should substantially ease its economic restrictions with the Republic of Cuba.

### 1ac – agriculture

#### Contention two --- agriculture

#### Global agricultural collapse is inevitable --- destroys the environment and causes food scarcity --- several indicators demonstrate the necessity of a sustainable agriculture model

**Peters, 10** **–** LL.M. expected 2011, University of Arkansas School of Law, Graduate Program in Agricultural and Food Law; J.D. 2010, University of Oregon School of Law (Kathryn, “Creating a Sustainable Urban Agriculture Revolution” J. ENVTL. LAW AND LITIGATION [Vol. 25, 203, http://law.uoregon.edu/org/jell/docs/251/peters.pdf)

The U.S. agricultural system is becoming increasingly more concentrated, specialized,

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response to rapidly changing climate conditions **and** will help to **ensure food security.**

#### Cuba’s model of urban agriculture is a sustainable alternative

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While urban agriculture was a response to a dramatic crisis in Cuba’s history, through

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a new economy for many Cubans without negatively impacting the environment or society.

#### Only the plan makes the Cuban model viable --- the U.S. export market is key

**Kost, 4** – agricultural economist, Specialty Crops Branch, Economic Research Service, US Department of Agriculture (William, “CUBAN AGRICULTURE: TO BE OR NOT TO BE ORGANIC?” <http://www.ascecuba.org/publications/proceedings/volume14/pdfs/kost.pdf>)

In addition to the above European markets, the successful expansion and viability of Cuba’s

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domestic consumption in an environment where other production approaches are just not available.

#### The plan jumpstarts U.S. investment in Cuban organoponics --- that causes a global urban agricultural revolution

**Shkolnick, 12** - J.D. Candidate, Drake University Law School (Jacob, “SIN EMBARGO: n1 THE CUBAN AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE UNITED STATES” 17 Drake J. Agric. L. 683, Fall, lexis)

VI. New Opportunities While investment in Cuban businesses and sales or purchases of Cuban

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may be just what is needed to allow for urban agriculture to flourish.

#### That prevents U.S. agricultural collapse --- extinction

**Peters, 10 –** LL.M. expected 2011, University of Arkansas School of Law, Graduate Program in Agricultural and Food Law; J.D. 2010, University of Oregon School of Law (Kathryn, “Creating a Sustainable Urban Agriculture Revolution” J. ENVTL. LAW AND LITIGATION [Vol. 25, 203, http://law.uoregon.edu/org/jell/docs/251/peters.pdf)

**An adequate food supply is** essential for the survival of the human race. Historically

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urban areas with access to an adequate supply of fresh, nutritious food.

#### Environmental collapse risks extinction

**Ehrlich, 13** – Professor of Biology & Senior Research Scientist in Biology @ Stanford University (Paul R. Ehrlich (President of the Center for Conservation Biology @ Stanford University) & Anne H. Ehrlich, “Can a collapse of global civilization be avoided?,” Proceedings of the Royal Society Biological Sciences, Proc. R. Soc. B 2013 280, published online 9 January 2013)

Virtually every past civilization has eventually undergone collapse, a loss of socio-political

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it from generating a global collapse is perhaps the foremost challenge confronting humanity.

#### Industrial agriculture ensures bioterrorism

**Peters, 10 –** LL.M. expected 2011, University of Arkansas School of Law, Graduate Program in Agricultural and Food Law; J.D. 2010, University of Oregon School of Law (Kathryn, “Creating a Sustainable Urban Agriculture Revolution” J. ENVTL. LAW AND LITIGATION [Vol. 25, 203, http://law.uoregon.edu/org/jell/docs/251/peters.pdf)

In order to be capable of sustaining itself, the United States must eliminate dependence

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in the event of an attack on U.S. transportation infrastructures.

#### Extinction

**Matheny, 7 –** Research associate, Future of Humanity Institute, Oxford University(Jason G., “Reducing the Risk of Human Extinction,” Risk Analysis, Volume 27, Number 5, http://www.upmchealthsecurity.org/website/resources/publications/2007/2007-10-15-reducingrisk.html)

**Of current extinction risks, the most severe may be bioterrorism**. The knowledge needed

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such experiments because the beneﬁts do not seem to be worth the risks.

## 2AC

### 2ac – oil da

#### Cuba’s history of failed wells prevents drilling --- there isn’t even oil there

**Franks, their author, 13** (reporter for Reuters, Jeff, "Cuban oil hopes sputter as Russians give up for now on well," 5/29/13, http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/05/29/cuba-oil-idUSL2N0EA00W20130529)//AM

A number of factors are working against Cuba's oil hopes, among them the political

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It is going to be extremely challenging (for Cuba)," he said.

**Oil dependence fuels regional arms racing – specifically Saudi Arabia**

**Luft 07** (Gal Luft, executive director of the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security, “Dependence on Middle East Energy and its Impact on Global Security,” Institute for the Analysis of Global Security, most recent cited date – 2007, http://www.iags.org/luft\_dependence\_on\_middle\_east\_energy.pdf)

Despite the high visibility of the Arab-Israeli conflict, historically, wars among

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the Saudi oil industry and the world economy at large could be incalculable.

**Reducing oil dependence would lead to significant reductions in Middle East military presence**

**CFR 06** (Council on Foreign Relations, “National Security Consequences of U.S. Oil Dependency,” Independent Task Force, Graham T. Allison Karin M. Lissakers Norman R. Augustine Walter E. Massey Robert A. Belfer Ernest J. Moniz Stephen W. Bosworth William K. Reilly Helima L. Croft James R. Schlesinger John Deutch Peter Schwartz Charles J. DiBona Philip R. Sharp Jessica P. Einhorn James B. Steinberg Martin S. Feldstein Linda G. Stuntz David L. Goldwyn\* James L. Sweeney Michael D. Granoff \* Frank Verrastro J. Bennett Johnston David G. Victor Arnold Kanter J. Robinson West, 2006, http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA507168)

Sixth, some observers see a direct relationship between the dependence of the United States

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reduced its dependence, then the defense budget could be reduced as well.

**That diffuses Iranian aggression and arms races that guarantee escalation**

**Jones 11** (Toby C. Jones, assistant professor of history at Rutgers University, editor, Middle East Report, “Why the US Should Withdraw From the Entire Persian Gulf,” The Atlantic, RSN, December 26, 2011, http://readersupportednews.org/opinion2/424-national-security/9111-why-the-us-should-withdraw-from-the-entire-persian-gulf)

**The presence of the American military in the Gulf has not only done little to**

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and military arms race, one that could easily spin out of control.

**Extinction**

**Chossudovsky, 10** — Professor of Economics at the University of Ottawa and Director of the Centre for Research on Globalization (Michael, “Towards a World War III Scenario? The Role of Israel in Triggering an Attack on Iran”, 8/13/2010, http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.phpcontext=va&aid=20584)

For several years now Iran has been conducting its own war drills and exercises.

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decision by the US and its allies to postpone an attack on Iran.

### 2ac – brazil da

#### Brazilian economic collapse inevitable

**Stelzer 12** — economic and business columnist for the Sunday Times, the Courier-Mail, and the Guardian, contributing editor of the Weekly Standard, contributor to the Daily Telegraph and the New Statesman, managing director of investment banking firm Rothschild Inc, senior director and fellow of the Hudson Institute, a visiting fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford, resident scholar and director of regulatory policy studies at AEI, Ph.D. in economics from Cornell University (Irwin M., “America Plods Forward, Much of the World Slows”, The Weekly Standard, 5/26/2012, http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/america-plods-forward-much-world-slows\_645916.html, Deech)

Start with B: Brazil’s manufacturing sector is **contracting**. The nation’s finance minister,

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calls Brazil “one of the world’s **most expensive places to do business**.”

#### Brazilian economy is strong and resilient

**Stratfor 8** (Global Forecasting, “The Financial Crisis in Latin America”, Premium Service, 10-29, http://www.stratfor.com/analysis/20081027\_financial\_crisis\_latin\_america)

Other economies, such as Bolivia and Paraguay, are so **well-insulated** from

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real and will come in handy as the country reacts to the slowdown.

### 2ac – nietzsche k

#### Suffering is not inevitable, engagement allows celebration – withdrawing inward makes chance impossible

**May 5** (“To change the world, to celebrate life,” Todd is a professor at Clemson. Philosophy & Social Criticism, Vol 31 No. 5–6 pp. 517–531)

There are many ways to conceive the bond between world-changing and life-

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for this moment, a political ascetic? Asceticism like that is dangerous.

#### Considering and reacting to certain instances of suffering is good – response creates compassion

**White, 11** (Richard, associate professor of philosophy Creighton University “Levinas, the Philosophy of Suffering, and the Ethics of Compassion”, The Heythrop Journal Volume 53, Issue 1, pages 111–123, Published online Sept 27 2011, Wiley)

Levinas fails to recognize that what is properly meaningful is not so much the suffering

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suffers like we do, and because we all share a common fate.

#### Institutional change is key to celebration of life

**May, 05** (“To change the world, to celebrate life,” Todd is a professor at Clemson. Philosophy & Social Criticism, Vol 31 No. 5–6 pp. 517–531)

To change the world and to celebrate life. This, as the theologian Harvey

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who would be more than willing to take your world up for you.

### 2ac – commission cp

#### Commissions on Cuba policy triggers massive backlash --- congress perceives the commission as the same as ending the embargo

**Limbacher 2k** (Carl Limbacher, NewsMax staff, Cuba News, “U.S. Senate to Discuss Formation of Bipartisan Commission on Cuba,” June 21, 2000, http://www.cubanet.org/CNews/y00/jun00/21e12.htm)

A proposal to set up a bipartisan national commission to review the effectiveness of the

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described it as a **veiled attempt** on Dodd's part **to end the embargo.**

#### Doesn’t result in the aff --- their link to politics proves other legislators will send opposing recommendations ---- also proves the CP still results in political fights

**SCF 04** (US Senate Committee on Finance, “Senators Reject Administration's "Cuba Commission" Recommendations,” May 6, 2004, http://www.finance.senate.gov/newsroom/ranking/release/?id=6e5094a1-f28a-4ac8-9740-6f39159092ce)

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) In response to the release of a report

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contacts, and restoring full Presidential foreign policy authority with respect to Cuba.

#### Massive delay --- the recommendation doesn’t even happen until more than half a year later

**Limbacher 2k** (Carl Limbacher, NewsMax staff, Cuba News, “U.S. Senate to Discuss Formation of Bipartisan Commission on Cuba,” June 21, 2000, http://www.cubanet.org/CNews/y00/jun00/21e12.htm)

The Dodd-Warner proposal reaches the Senate floor as Congress examines a separate measure

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its findings to Congress and the president within **225 days** of its formation.

### 2ac – guantanamo bay cp

#### Closing Guantanamo tanks Obama’s political capital

**Waxman, 7/30/13** – Professor of Law, Columbia University Law School, and Co-chairman, Roger Hertog Program on Law and National Security, Columbia University Law School, and Adjunct Senior Fellow for Law and Foreign Policy, Council on Foreign Relations (Matthew, July 30, 2013, “Closing Guantanamo Would Still Leave Some Toughest Decisions for the Next President,” Lawfare Blog, http://www.lawfareblog.com/2013/07/closing-guantanamo-would-still-leave-some-toughest-decisions-for-the-next-president/, Hensel)

At last week’s Senate Judiciary subcommittee hearing, advocates of closing Guantanamo, such as

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**with so much to do in so little time, that’s** probably **impossible**.

### 2ac – debt ceiling politics da

#### Won’t pass – Obama won’t negotiate

Picard 9/20, Joe, "Obama calls Boehner says he won't negotiate on debt ceiling" The Hill thehill.com/homenews/news/323805-obama-to-boehner-no-negotiation-on-debt-limit

President Obama phoned Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) on Friday to tell

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-cutting package with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.).

#### Syria and Summers thump

**Feldmann 9/16** Lauren, CSM, “How liberal 'triumphs' on Syria and Summers have weakened Obama” http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/DC-Decoder/2013/0916/How-liberal-triumphs-on-Syria-and-Summers-have-weakened-Obama

The left is on a roll. Liberals successfully pushed back against [President Obama](http://www.csmonitor.com/tags/topic/Barack+Obama)’s plan

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and to raise the limit on federal borrowing authority a few weeks later.

#### **Fiat solves the link --- a majority of congress has to pass the plan --- they wouldn’t backlash against themselves**

#### Normal means is executive licensing – shields the link

**Pascual and Huddleston, 9** – Carlos, VP and Director of Foreign policy, Brookings Institute, and Vicki, Visiting Fellow

( “CUBA: A New policy of Critical and Constructive Engagement”, April, http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/reports/2009/4/cuba/0413\_cuba.pdf)

Given the strong sentiments and expectations that Cuba engenders, it would be preferable for

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which only contributes to making the United States appear to be a bully.

#### That means the plan is spun as a win

**Pinon, 9** – energy fellow with the University of Miami’s Center for Hemispheric Policy (Jorge, “Oil work can be part of US-Cuban rapprochement” Oil &Gas Journal, 107.17, 5/4, proquest)//HA

The president can end this impasse by licensing American companies to participate in developing Cuba's

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, thereby giving Cubans a better chance for a stable and democratic future.

#### No impact to the Debt Ceiling --- their authors exaggerate

Tom Raum 11, AP, “Record $14 trillion-plus debt weighs on Congress”, Jan 15, <http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_17108333?source=rss&nclick_check=1>

Democrats have use doomsday rhetoric about a looming government shutdown and comparing the U.

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," and raising the debt limit will become an imperative, he suggested.

#### Lifting embargo boosts U.S. economy

**Reuters** 9-20-**2012** (“Cuba says ending U.S. embargo would help both countries” September 20, 2012, Reuters U.S. edition, Jeff Franks <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/20/us-cuba-usa-embargo-idUSBRE88J15G20120920>).

(Reuters) - Both the United States and Cuba would benefit if Washington would

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go into history as the man who rectified a policy that has failed."