==Plan==

====The United States federal government should permit companies to provide services for the development of Cuban offshore oil in the North Cuba Basin. ====

==1AC Relations==

====Chavez~’s death means now is key to solve Cuban relations—-that~’s key to broader Latin America relations====

\*\*Tisdall 13 – \*\*Simon Tisdall, writer for the Guardian, March 5th, 2013, "Death of Hugo Chávez brings chance of fresh start for US and Latin America" [[www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/mar/05/hugo-chavez-dead-us-latin-america/print-http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/mar/05/hugo-chavez-dead-us-latin-america/print]]

Hugo Chávez~’s departure furnishes Barack Obama with an opportunity to repair US ties with Venezuela

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needs rapprochement with Washington to advance his own reform agenda," Sweig said.

====The plan is key to US-Cuban energy cooperation—-solves overall relations, regional stability, and drug trafficking ====

\*\*Benjamin 10\*\* – Jonathan Benjamin-Alvadaro, Report for the Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University, PhD, Professor of Political Science at University of Nebraska at Omaha, Director of the Intelligence Community Centers of Academic Excellence Program at UNO, Treasurer of the American Political Science Association, 2010, Brookings Institution book, "Cuba~’s Energy Future: Strategic Approaches to Cooperation"

Conclusion and Recommendations

Oil exploration is an inherently risky enterprise; there are always trade-offs between

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tangible benefits for the people of Cuba, it neighbors, and beyond.

====Relations solve nuclear material transfer and warming====

\*\*Shifter 12 \*\*

(Michael is an Adjunct Professor of Latin American Studies at Georgetown University~’s School of Foreign Service. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and writes for the Council~’s journal Foreign Affairs. He serves as the President of Inter-American Dialogue. "Remaking the Relationship: The United States and Latin America," April, IAD Policy Report, http://www.thedialogue.org/PublicationFiles/IAD2012PolicyReportFINAL.pdf)

Cuba, too, poses a significant challenge for relations between the United States and

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

====Cooperation is key to check terrorist acquisition – that ensures retaliation which escalates====

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Robert – Professor of Strategic Studies and Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies: New Zealand at the Victoria University of Wellington – "After a Terrorist Nuclear Attack: Envisaging Catalytic Effects," Studies in Conflict %26 Terrorism, Volume 33, Issue 7, July, obtained via InformaWorld

A terrorist nuclear attack, and even the use of nuclear weapons in response by

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, is further international cooperation on the control of existing fissile material holdings.

====Nuclear terrorism is very likely – no barriers, no lack of motive, high risks, enormous consequences ====

Goodspeed, 12 (Peter Goodspeed, Senior Reporter of International Affairs at the National Post, "Nuclear terror threat; A ~’dirty bomb~’ could make cities uninhabitable, destroy global economy", March 24 2012, National Post, Full Comment, http://fullcomment.nationalpost.com/2012/03/24/preventing-devastating-nuclear-terrorist-attack-aim-of-world-leaders-meeting/, //nikp)

Six months after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorists attacks on New York,

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way to use radiological weapons when their only goal is killing innocent people."

====Warming Causes Extinction and is anthropogenic – hunger, malnutrition, disease, and water wars====

\*\*McKewon ~’7 \*\*(Elaine, Citing a Report by the IPCC, "IPCC: Global Warming Highway to Extinction", 4-1, http://elainemckewon.wordpress.com/2007/04/01/ipcc-global-warming-highway-to-extinction/)

Climate change is paving a "highway to extinction" which could see billions of

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pollens would also substantially increase, and amphibians would begin to go extinct.

==1AC Economy==

====Cuban oil dependence on Venezuela is unsustainable—-Venezuela will cut off supplies====

\*\*Keppel 13\*\* (Stephen, ABC News, "What Chávez~’s Death Means for Cuba, Venezuela and the U.S." http://abcnews.go.com/ABC\_Univision/chavezs-death-means-cuba-venezuela-us/story?id=18669003)

Upon hearing news of the death of Hugo Chávez, scores of Venezuelans gathered in

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Chávez and may not be able to maintain popularity if things get tougher.

====Oil~’s key to Cuba~’s economy====

\*\*Benjamin-Alvadaro 10\*\* (Jonathan, Report for the Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University, PhD, Professor of Political Science at University of Nebraska at Omaha, Director of the Intelligence Community Centers of Academic Excellence Program at UNO, Treasurer of the American Political Science Association, "Cuba~’s Energy Future: Strategic Approaches to Cooperation")

The power and hydrocarbon sectors are inextricably linked, as Cuba produces about 85 percent

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uses; this is consistent with the usage breakdown seen in other countries.

====US-Cuban oil cooperation is key to revitalize their domestic oil sector====

\*\*Benjamin-Alvadaro 6\*\* (Jonathan, Report for the Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University, PhD, Professor of Political Science at University of Nebraska at Omaha, Director of the Intelligence Community Centers of Academic Excellence Program at UNO, Treasurer of the American Political Science Association, "The Current Status and Future Prospects for Oil Exploration in Cuba: A Special," http://cri.fiu.edu/research/commissioned-reports/oil-cuba-alvarado.pdf)

Why is it important to clarify the current status of Cuban energy in the face

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confidence, trust and cooperation in this critical issue area across the region.

====The plan solves Cuban dependence on Venezuela—-revenues lead to political reforms that create stability====

\*\*Pinon 11\*\* – Jorge R. Piñón is a visiting research fellow at the Latin American and Caribbean Center~’s Cuban Research Institute at FIU. Spring 2011, "Why the United States and Cuba Collaborate (and What Could Happen If They Don~’t)"casgroup.fiu.edu/pages/docs/2157/1306356964\_Hemisphere\_Vol.\_20.pdf

If Cuba~’s suspected but yet undiscovered hydrocarbon reserves are proven real, it will take

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from the guidance of a variety of partners, including the United States.

====Cuban instability collapse causes Latin American instability, terrorism, democratic backsliding, and distracts the US from critical hotspots including Africa, the Caucus, and North Korea ====

\*\*Gorrell 5\*\* (Tim, Lieutenant Colonel, "CUBA: THE NEXT UNANTICIPATED ANTICIPATED STRATEGIC CRISIS?" 3/18, http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA433074)

Regardless of the succession, under the current U.S. policy, Cuba~’s

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in an effort to facilitate a manageable transition to post-Castro Cuba?

====Caucus instability causes nuclear war====

\*\*Blank 2k \*\*– MacArthur Professor of Research @ The Strategic Studies Institute @ US Army War College (Stephen, "U.S. MILITARY ENGAGEMENT WITH TRANSCAUCASIA AND CENTRAL ASIA," June, [[http://www.bits.de/NRANEU/docs/Blank2000.pdf-http://www.bits.de/NRANEU/docs/Blank2000.pdf]])

In 1993 Moscow even threatened World War III to deter Turkish intervention on behalf of

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(5) neither has willing proxies capable of settling the situation.74

====Korean war goes nuclear, spills over globally—-risk of miscalc is high and this time is different====

Steven \*\*Metz 13\*\*, Chairman of the Regional Strategy and Planning Department and Research Professor of National Security Affairs at the Strategic Studies Institute, 3/13/13, "Strategic Horizons: Thinking the Unthinkable on a Second Korean War," http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/12786/strategic-horizons-thinking-the-unthinkable-on-a-second-korean-war

Today, North Korea is the most dangerous country on earth and the greatest threat

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two continued mutual trade and investment. Stranger things have happened in statecraft.

====Caribbean terrorism leads to attack on the US—-they~’ll use bioweapons====

\*\*Bryan 1\*\* (Anthony T. Bryan, director of the North-South Center~’s Caribbean Program, 10-21-2001. CFR, Terrorism, Porous Borders, and Homeland Security: The Case for U.S.-Caribbean Cooperation, p.  
http://www.cfr.org/publication/4844/terrorism\_porous\_borders\_and%20\_homeland\_%20security.html)

Terrorist acts can take place anywhere. The Caribbean is no exception. Already the

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else to the clandestine manufacture and deployment of biological weapons within national borders.

====Bioterror causes extinction ====

\*\*Mhyrvold ~’13\*\*

Nathan, Began college at age 14, BS and Masters from UCLA, Masters and PhD, Princeton "Strategic Terrorism: A Call to Action," Working Draft, The Lawfare Research Paper Series

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As horrible as this would be, such a pandemic is by no means the

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be available to anybody with a solid background in biology, terrorists included.

====Independently, causes retaliation that goes nuclear====

\*\*Hymers 01\*\*, Ret. Lt. Colonel in the US Army, published over a hundred articles, summa cum laude Masters Degree in Theology, (Robert, "The Roots of Terrorism", http://www.rlhymersjr.com/Online\_Sermons/11-04-01PM\_TheRootsOfTerrorism.html)

It could be smallpox, botulism or other deadly biological agents. Anthrax is the

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get back here to church next Sunday - and become a real Christian%21

==1AC Credibility==

====Cuba engagement is key to Obama~’s credibility—-reverses the perceived decline of US influence—-solves multilateralism====

\*\*Dickerson\*\* \*\*10 – \*\*Lieutenant Colonel Sergio M. Dickerson, 2010, "United States Security Strategy Towards Cuba," Strategy Research Project, [[www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?Location=U2%26doc=GetTRDoc.pdf%26AD=ADA518053-http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?Location=U2%26doc=GetTRDoc.pdf%26AD=ADA518053]]

Conclusion¶ Today, 20 years have passed since the fall of the Berlin Wall

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decline in the greater global order bringing true peace for years to come.

====Obama weakness causes global conflict====

\*\*Coes 11 – \*\*Ben Coes 11, a former speechwriter in the George H.W. Bush administration, managed Mitt Romney~’s successful campaign for Massachusetts Governor in 2002 %26 author, "The disease of a weak president", The Daily Caller, http://dailycaller.com/2011/09/30/the-disease-of-a-weak-president/

The disease of a weak president usually begins with the Achilles~’ heel all politicians are

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one or the other. The status quo is simply not an option.

====Engagement is inevitable, it~’s a question of effectiveness—-Obama~’s credibility solves South China Seas conflict and Russia resurgence====

\*\*Ghitis 13\*\* (Frida, world affairs columnist for The Miami Herald and World Politics Review. A former CNN producer and correspondent, she is the author of The End of Revolution: A Changing World in the Age of Live Television. "World to Obama: You can~’t ignore us," 1/22, http://www.cnn.com/2013/01/22/opinion/ghitis-obama-world)

President Obama made it very clear: The second term is all about the domestic

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with the best laid, most well-intentioned plans of American presidents.

====South China Sea conflict causes nuclear war====

\*\*Wittner 11 \*\*(Lawrence S. Wittner, Emeritus Professor of History at the State University of New York/Albany, Wittner is the author of eight books, the editor or co-editor of another four, and the author of over 250 published articles and book reviews. From 1984 to 1987, he edited Peace %26 Change, a journal of peace research., 11/28/2011, "Is a Nuclear War With China Possible?", www.huntingtonnews.net/14446)

While nuclear weapons exist, there remains a danger that they will be used.

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—destroying agriculture, creating worldwide famine, and generating chaos and destruction.

====Russia resurgence causes nuclear war====

\*\*Blank 9\*\* (Dr. Stephen, Research Professor of National Security Affairs at the Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College, March, "Russia And Arms Control: Are There Opportunities For The Obama Administration?," http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/pub908.pdf)

Proliferators or nuclear states like China and Russia can then deter regional or intercontinental attacks

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perhaps make wars of aggression on their neighbors or their own people.172

==Solvency – ==

====The Secretary of the Treasury can modify the embargo to allow drilling====

\*\*Huddleston 9\*\* (Vicki Huddleston, deputy assistant secretary of defense for Africa at the Department of Defense, visiting fellow at Brookings and co-director of the Brookings Project on U.S. Policy Toward a Cuba in Transition from 2007 to 2009, Carlos Pascual, U.S. ambassador to Mexico, He was vice president and director of Foreign Policy at Brookings from 2006 to 2009, "Use "Smart Power" to Help Cubans," http://www.brookings.edu/research/opinions/2009/02/24-cuba-huddleston)

Executive authority¶ Again and again we hear that the embargo can~’t be changed because

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to live up to international norms of human rights, democracy and transparency.