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Apparently weary of fending off charges of concentration-camp conditions, the Reagan Administration last week agreed to let an international body examine facilities at two detention centers for Haitian refugees.

The visits were requested by a unit of the Organization of American States, in response to complaints at Fort Allen in Puerto Rico and the Krome North camp near Miami.

President Reagan agrees to allow international body examine facilities at two detention centers for Haitian refugees. The immigration and Naturalization Service said 555 Haitians were being held at Krome North and 771 at Fort Allen. Nationwide some 2,025 Haitians are being held at centers in 14 cities.

Washington had opposed an investigation on the ground that Haitians had not exhausted all available remedies in Federal courts. When the commission decided to visit anyway, the United States authorities agreed to cooperate.

Last May the immigration service began detaining Haitians caught illegally entering the country instead of releasing them to American sponsors. In October the Administration ordered interdictions at sea to stop Haitians before they arrived; at the same time the immigration service began holding rapid deportation hearings.

A Miami judge's subsequent ruling that no Haitian could be tried unless represented by legal counsel had the effect of stopping the trials but prolonging the Haitians' detention. The United States insists that the Haitians are economic refugees, while the Haitians insist they are seeking political asylum.

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