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Perhaps no other country has ever witnessed such an = imposing, combative and sound political movement. Perhaps, never before = a small nation had the strength of character and the courage to resist = such a powerful adversary. This is an unprecedented confrontation that = is taking place in a new historical stage between the force of just = ideas and the murderous ideas of the brutal force.

When the arrogant use of force is imposed in violation of = every right, ethic and reason, demagogy and lies remain the only = possible ideological support.

Hardly two thirds of a century has passed since Humanity = went through the bitter experience of Nazism. Fear was Hitler=92s = inseparable ally against his adversaries. First, he was tolerated as a = buffer and a potential ally against communism. Then, he was made = concessions. He recovered the Ruhr, a crucial zone for military = build-up, and went on to annex Austria to the German Third Reich. Then, = without a shot, he conquered a large part of Czechoslovakia. Later, his = fearful military force enabled him to strike a non-aggression pact with = the USSR on August 23, 1939, that is, 9 days before the outbreak of a = war that would inflame the whole world. The lack of vision and the = cowardice of the statesmen in the strongest European powers of the time = opened the way to a great tragedy.

I don=92t think that a fascist regime can be established in = the United States. Serious mistakes have been made and injustices = committed in the framework of its political system --many of them still = persist-- but the American people still have a number of institutions = and traditions, as well as educational, cultural and ethical values that = would hardly allow that to happen. The risk exists in the international = arena.

The power and prerogatives of that country=92s President are = so extensive, and the economic, technological and military power network = in that nation is so pervasive that due to circumstances that fully = escape the will of the American people, the world is coming under the = rule of Nazi concepts and methods.

I do not intend to exaggerate or dramatize. But, the truth = is that there=92s a growing tendency to question and override the very = existence and the role of the United Nations.

Last September 20, 2001, when Mr. W. Bush proclaimed that = those who did not support his war project against terrorism would = themselves be considered terrorists and exposed to his attacks, he was = overtly disregarding the UN prerogatives. At the same time, based on his = military power he was assuming the role of world master and policeman. = For those of us familiar with the Marxist literature, that day was the = 18th Brumaire of Mr. Bush*. Future historians should take note of the = political leaders=92 reaction in most countries. It was panic and fear = that came over most of them. =20

Such conceptions and methods contradict the idea of a = democratic world order based on principles and norms that ensure safety = and peace for all of the peoples.

Long before the terrorist attacks of September 11, Bush had promoted = enormous budgets for the research and production of more deadly and = sophisticated weapons, although the cold war was over, the old adversary = no longer existed and the weakened State that replaced it lacked both = the economic resources and the will to face up to the overwhelming force = of the sole hyperpower.

Why was that colossal military build-up program conceived, = and for what purpose?

In a recent speech made on the occasion of the bicentennial = year of the West Point Military Academy, an institution well-known for = its remarkable role in the military history of the United States, Mr. W. = Bush threw a fiery harangue at the graduation ceremony of 958 cadets. = However, his remarks were also addressed to the United States and the = entire world.

Some of the ideas expressed there are a reflection of his = thinking, and that of his closest advisors, long before the brutal = attacks of September 11, which now serve as an excellent pretext to = justify what was already then a rather dangerous, inadmissible, = unsustainable and peculiar idea of the world. He said for example:

=93If we wait for threats to fully materialize, we will have = waited too long.=94 $\,$

=93In the world we have entered, the only path to safety is the path of = action. And this nation will act.=94

=930ur security will require transforming the military you will lead, a = military that must be ready

to strike at a moment=92s notice in any dark corner of the world. And = our security will require... to be ready for preemptive action when = necessary to defend our liberty and to defend our lives.=94

=93We must uncover terror cells in 60 or more countries... Along with = our friends and allies, we

must oppose proliferation and confront regimes that sponsor terror, as = each case requires.=94

=93We will send diplomats where they are needed, and we will send you, = our soldiers, where

you=92re needed.=94

=93We will not leave the safety of America and the peace of the planet = at the mercy of a few

mad terrorists and tyrants. We will lift this dark threat from our = country and from the world.=94

=93Some worry that it is somehow undiplomatic or impolite to speak the = language of right and

wrong. I disagree. We are in a conflict between good and evil, and = America will call evil by its name. By confronting evil and lawless = regimes, we do not create a problem, we reveal a problem. And we will = lead the world in opposing it.=94

=93Generations of West Point officers planned and practiced for battles = with Soviet Russia. I=92ve

just returned from a new Russia, now a country reaching toward = democracy, and our partner in the war against terror.=94 =20

As you can see, he doesn=92t mention once is his speech the = United Nations Organization. Nor is there a phrase about every = people=92s right to safety and peace, or about the need for a world = ruled by principles and norms. He only talks of alliances between = powers, and of war and more war. He speaks of war on behalf of peace and = liberty, words that coming from him sound as meaningless and empty as = soap bubbles. His entire speech is no more than a sweetened exaltation = of chauvinism, and of the superiority of his country=92s culture, glory = and power.

The miserable insects that live in 60 or more countries of = the world chosen by him and his closest assistants --and in the case of = Cuba by his Miami friends-- are completely irrelevant. They are the = =93dark corners of the world=94 that may become the targets of their = unannounced and =93preemptive=94 attacks.=20

Not only is Cuba one of those countries, but it has also = been included among those that sponsor terror. And, on top of it all, = the cynical fabrication that Cuba produces bio-weapons; they simply = overlook the fact that the entire world knows it is a colossal lie. =20

What is the difference between that philosophy and methods = and those of the Nazis? Why is it that so many governments are = trembling with fear and keeping silent?

It is not a simple coincidence that the fascist right forces = are gaining ground in various European countries.

The American people will refuse to educate their children in = such a philosophy.

In the face of such cowardice, many peoples of the world = will look hopefully to the American people as the only one capable of = putting a straightjacket on, or stopping, the bigots in their lust for = power, abuse and conflict. Many peoples in the world showed their = unanimous solidarity with the American people after the attacks of = September 11; our noble and generous people did too, and certainly not = out of hypocrisy or fear.

We would like for those West Point cadets to come to Cuba as = tourists some day, when Americans are again free to travel, but not as = invaders.

Who has actually reaped the benefits of the terrorist = attacks of September 11? Those that President Eisenhower defined as the = military-industrial complex; those whose authority had been called into = question by the electoral fraud; the Miami terrorist mob; those who want = to destroy the United Nations; those who advocate the predominance of = hegemonic policies and who want to reshape the world as they wish.

I don=92t believe for a second that anyone --whatever his = position-- who could have prevented the obnoxious crime of the Twin = Towers deliberately allowed it to happen in a yearning for popularity = and power or for any other purpose.

But, calling things by their name, as Mr. Bush said in West = Point he likes to do, I=92d say that I think the President of the United = States has made serious mistakes in the way he has handled the situation = after the tragedy. I shall mention only a few made both domestically and = overseas:

He should have never implanted fear in the minds of the = American people.

He should have kept calmed.

He should not have adopted hasty decisions without even considering = other possibly more promising options, which would have been unanimously = supported by all governments, by the most influential religions and by = the fundamental political trends, from both the left and the right.

He should not have identified over half of the countries in = the Third World as his enemies, much less as terrorists.

He should not have pursued a path that will have the effect = of multiplying the number of bigots and suicidal persons in the world, = thus seriously complicating the struggle against terrorism. The = Palestinian=92s is a case in point: for every Palestinian that has been = murdered, the number of walk-in suicide bombers has markedly increased, = which has led to a predicament with no way out in sight.

He should not have concealed the intelligence reports he = received, particularly that of August 6, which has given rise to all = sorts of doubts and guesses. It is necessary to be valiant and = transparent with the people. No one can believe that this is impossible = for security reasons. Those of us who have lived and struggled for = decades against thousands of terrorist plans and actions originated in = the United States are perfectly familiar with the nature of such = intelligence reports, whose sources need to be highly protected by those = who draft and forward them.

He should not have met with, or accepted the presence at = that meeting in Miami of, well known characters that have organized, = directed and carried out thousands of terrorist attacks against Cuba and = other countries, including several hundreds inside the territory of the = United States.=20

For many years and until September 11, the Cuban American National = Foundation financed, organized and publicized countless terrorist = actions and plans to murder Cuban leaders. Today, that same organization = continues to fund the defense, protection and impunity of the worst = terrorists while waiting for the Cuban Revolution to be destroyed by the = United States. Everybody knows this, both in Miami and the White House. = Mr. Bush=92s intimate relationship with these terrorists completely = undermines his moral authority and disqualifies him as a world leader to = fight against terrorism. =20

He should not have allowed the fabrication of that stupid = lie about Cuba developing bio-weapons. As for the alleged theoretical = capacity to produce them, needless to say that even when all governments = could lie that doesn=92t mean they all do.=20

He should not have politically challenged the Cuban = revolutionary leadership because he is in no position to respond to the = political challenges that Cuba could throw at him. It is like sailing on = a big paper boat --full of lies and demagogy-- that cannot endure the = wind or the waves.

He should not have made demands on matters that are the sole = concern of our sovereignty, nor launch threats against Cuba because the = Cuban people have never been nor will they ever be forced to give in. = This is the people that did not hesitate for a moment when hundreds of = nuclear weapons were aimed at this island on October 1962, threatening = to wipe them off Earth. No one remembers a single Cuban patriot who lost = heart.

Now, Mr. Bush could find himself in the dilemma of either = rectifying or trying to wipe Cuba off the map, which is not all too = easy.

Mr. Bush should be better informed about what the Cuban = people is today and of how it feels; its degree of unity, its political = culture and its unmovable strength.

Other things could be said in addition to these reflections = on the unfortunate May 20 speech and on other issues, but I don=92t wish = to expand any further.

As we had promised, our people with their talents, their = truths and their patriotism have been giving the right response. But the = task is not over yet, since our mass organizations will also respond. On = Monday 10, their national leadership will meet in the country=92s = capital. Also, the National Assembly, supreme body of the State power, = will respond in due course and it will certainly do so with all = courtesy.

Thank you, Mr. Bush, for you have honored us with your =

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in the military history of the United States, Mr. W. Bush threw a fiery =
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which now serve as an excellent pretext to justify what was already then =
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notice in any=20
dark corner of the world. And our security will require... to be ready =
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preemptive action when necessary to defend our liberty and to defend our =
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regimes that sponsor terror, as each case =
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conflict=20
between good and evil, and America will call evil by its name. By =
confronting=20
evil<SPAN style=3D"mso-spacerun: yes">&nbsp; </SPAN>and lawless regimes, =
we do not=20
create a problem, we reveal a problem. And we will lead the world in =
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it.=94<o:p></o:p></SPAN></I></P>
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country reaching toward democracy, and our partner in the war against=20
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Organization. Nor is there a phrase about every people=92s right to =
safety and=20
peace, or about the need for a world ruled by principles and norms. He =
only=20
talks of alliances between powers, and of war and more war. He speaks of =
war on=20
behalf of peace and liberty, words that coming from him sound as =
meaningless and=20
empty as soap bubbles. His entire speech is no more than a sweetened =
exaltation=20
of chauvinism, and of the superiority of his country=92s culture, glory =
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chosen by him and his closest assistants -- and in the case of Cuba by =
his Miami=20
friends--<SPAN style=3D"mso-spacerun: yes">&nbsp; </SPAN>are completely=20
irrelevant. They are the =93dark corners of the world=94 that may become =
the targets=20
of their unannounced and =93preemptive=94 attacks. =
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included=20
among those that sponsor terror. And, on top of it all, the cynical =
fabrication=20
that Cuba produces bio-weapons; they simply overlook the fact that the =
entire=20
world knows it is a colossal lie.<SPAN style=3D"mso-spacerun: =
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those of=20
the Nazis?<SPAN style=3D"mso-spacerun: yes">&nbsp; </SPAN>Why is it that =
so many=20
governments are trembling with fear and keeping =
silent?<o:p></o:p></SPAN></P>
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look=20
hopefully to the American people as the only one capable of putting a=20
straightjacket on, or stopping, the bigots in their lust for power, =
abuse and=20
conflict. Many peoples in the world showed their unanimous solidarity =
with the=20
American people after the attacks of September 11; our noble and =
generous people=20
did too, and certainly not out of hypocrisy or =
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some day, when Americans are again free to travel, but not as=20
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</SPAN>Who has actually reaped the benefits of the terrorist attacks of=20
September 11? Those that President Eisenhower defined as the =
military-industrial=20
complex; those whose authority had been called into question by the =
electoral=20
fraud; the Miami terrorist mob; those who want to destroy the United =
Nations;=20
those who advocate the predominance of hegemonic policies and who want =
to=20
reshape the world as they wish.<o:p></o:p></SPAN></P>
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position-- who=20
could have prevented the obnoxious crime of the Twin Towers deliberately =
allowed=20
it to happen in a yearning for popularity and power or for any other=20
purpose.<o:p></o:p></SPAN></P>
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not have adopted hasty decisions without even considering other possibly =
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promising options, which would have been unanimously supported by all=20
governments, by the most influential religions and by the fundamental =
political=20
trends, from both the left and the right.<o:p></o:p></SPAN></P>
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World as his enemies, much less as terrorists.<o:p></o:p></SPAN></P>
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multiplying the number of bigots and suicidal persons in the world, thus =
seriously complicating the struggle against terrorism. The =
Palestinian=92s is a=20
case in point: for every Palestinian that has been murdered, the number =
of=20
walk-in suicide bombers has markedly increased, which has led to a =
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with no way out in sight.<o:p></o:p></SPAN></P>
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But, calling things by their name, as Mr. Bush said in West Point =

likes to do, I=92d say that I think the President of the United States =

serious mistakes in the way he has handled the situation after the =

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has made=20

tragedy. I=20

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received, =20
particularly that of August 6, which has given rise to all sorts of =
doubts and=20
guesses. It is necessary to be valiant and transparent with the people. =
No one=20
can believe that this is impossible for security reasons. Those of us =
who have=20
lived and struggled for decades against thousands of terrorist plans and =
actions=20
originated in the United States are perfectly familiar with the nature =
of such=20
intelligence reports, whose sources need to be highly protected by those =
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draft and forward them.<o:p></o:p></SPAN></P>
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meeting in=20
Miami of, well known characters that have organized, directed and =
carried out=20
thousands of terrorist attacks against Cuba and other countries, =
including=20
several hundreds inside the territory of the United States.=20
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years and until September 11, the Cuban American National Foundation =
financed, =20
organized and publicized countless terrorist actions and plans to murder =
Cuban=20
leaders. Today, that same organization continues to fund the defense, =
protection=20
and impunity of the worst terrorists while waiting for the Cuban =
Revolution to=20
be destroyed by the United States. Everybody knows this, both in Miami =
and the=20
White House. Mr. Bush=92s intimate relationship with these terrorists =
completely=20
undermines his moral authority and disqualifies him as a world leader to =
fight=20
against terrorism.<SPAN style=3D"mso-spacerun: =
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developing bio-weapons. As for the alleged theoretical capacity to =
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needless to say that even when all governments could lie that doesn=92t =
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all do. <o:p></o:p></SPAN></P>
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leadership because he is in no position to respond to the political =
challenges=20
that Cuba could throw at him. It is like sailing on a big paper =
boat<SPAN=20
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cannot endure the wind or the waves.<o:p></o:p></SPAN></P>
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concern of=20
our sovereignty, nor launch threats against Cuba because the Cuban =
people have=20
never been nor will they ever be forced to give in. This is the people =
that did=20
not hesitate for a moment when hundreds of nuclear weapons were aimed at =
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island on October 1962, threatening to wipe them off Earth. No one =
remembers a=20
single Cuban patriot who lost heart.<o:p></o:p></SPAN></P>
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rectifying or=20
trying to wipe Cuba off the map, which is not all too=20
easy.<o:p></o:p></SPAN></P>
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</SPAN>Mr. Bush should be better informed about what the Cuban people is =
today=20
and of how it feels; its degree of unity, its political culture and its=20
unmovable strength.<o:p></o:p></SPAN></P>
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patriotism have been giving the right response. But the task is not over =
yet, =20
since our mass organizations will also respond. On Monday 10, their =
national=20
leadership will meet in the country=92s capital. Also, the National =
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supreme body of the State power, will respond in due course and it will=20
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authority to adopt the amendments to the Constitution that you have =
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you on this gigantic demonstration.<o:p></o:p></SPAN></P>
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