

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 21, 1983

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of December 23, which you co-signed with Russell Long regarding the Caribbean Basin Initiative.

I greatly appreciate your personal efforts to get this legislation passed in the lame-duck session. The Caribbean Basin Initiative continues to be one of my top legislative priorities. I strongly believe that the best way to ensure security and economic viability, to ease immigration concerns, and to promote stable democratic governments in the Caribbean is to offer the incentives embodied in this legislation.

I am encouraged by your assurance that Congress will consider CBI early in its new session. We are anxious to help in any way we can, and I look forward to working closely with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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