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Dear Rt. Hon. Yvette Cooper MP,

Trump Administration Indictment

We write to you as members of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cuba to condemn in the strongest possible terms the Donald Trump Administration's indictment of Raul Castro, President of the Republic of Cuba 2008–18.

It is explicitly clear that the Trump Administration's unilateralism is politically motivated and is designed to move the United States of America closer towards a state of belligerence with the Republic of Cuba, on a clearly fabricated pretext.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cuba maintains that this hostile act should be viewed as a part of a wider – very current – crude attack by the Trump administration, against Cuba. These unprovoked attacks commenced through Donald Trump's recent *Executive Orders*, with the so called, "*Oil Blockade*" an intensification of the illegal US sixty-six year blockade of the island, which has precipitated a humanitarian crisis by prohibiting oil from reaching Cuba. A barbaric assault on the country's people and energy infrastructure. Most recently, on Monday, came the Trump Administration's latest outlandish claim: that Cuba has just obtained 300 military drones and plans to attack a US base with them. Due to the Trump Administration's recent conduct involving Venezuela, Greenland and Iran, we should take Donald Trump's bullying, coercion and threats towards Cuba extremely seriously.

Were there any validity to the Trump Administration's 1996 assertions outlined in the indictment, why was this matter not pursued by: the Clinton Administration (1992-2001); the Bush Jr. Administration (2001-09); the Obama Administration (2009-17); the Biden Administration (2021-25); or indeed by Donald Trump's first administration (2017-25)? What new evidence has come to light, which was not available to the five previous US administrations, in office prior to the current administration?

More importantly, no lawful mechanism exists for this indictment, which makes a mockery of any form of national or international legal process. American courts have no jurisdiction to even hear, let alone rule in, a trial of a non-American person in relation to an *alleged* crime in a completely different country, outside of America.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cuba both acknowledges and praises His Majesty's Government for the stance developed in response to the Trump Administration's recent threats concerning the USA's desire to forcibly annex Greenland. The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cuba respectfully requests that the UK Government publicly condemns the Trump Administration for these falsified, inhumane and unprovoked attacks on the Republic of Cuba. The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cuba further respectfully requests that the Government seeks to work with our partners and the international community, towards adopting a position on Cuba, akin to the one on Greenland.

Greenland perfectly illustrated what happens when sovereign states who respect international law and desire peace, declare a firm stance against Donald Trump's aberrations. Venezuela perfectly illustrated what happens when they do not.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Witherden MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cuba
Plus 36 MPs and Lords from 7 different parties