



## Obama's Cuba visit similar to Nixon's China trip

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Change will come to the Caribbean's largest island, and it is hoped that its process of adjusting to the 21st century will be as painless as possible. In the speech, and in the joint press conference with President Castro he insisted on the previous day, the rapport between the two leaders - men of very different backgrounds and ages - was on display, as Mr Obama pressed Mr Castro to answer journalists' questions and teased him about the Castro family's famous ability to speak for hours.

Obama's recognition of Washington's failed policy towards Cuba has been a positive first step, but more needs to be done to redress the damage the United States has caused to Cuba, Rodriguez added.

"We reiterate our call for the Cuban government to end the practice of arbitrary detentions", National Security spokesman Ned Price said. US businesses were flocking in droves, touting new approval to bring Americans and their dollars to Cuba.

According to the United Nations, this embargo was largely condemned as a human rights violation on the part of the USA and has only hurt the people of their country. Wary Cuban officials have picked up on the tactic, with some regarding Obama's entreaties as a post-Cold War attempt to coerce Cuba with diplomacy instead of the threat of force.

Thanks to President Obama's approach of engagement instead of isolation, I am confident that Cuba will make significant progress in the coming years in both political and economic freedom. He left the island with plenty of indications that tipping point could be in sight.

For no apparent reason beyond a fearful deference to Florida's role in presidential politics, the US and Cuba have remained at odds. With Americans hungry for a taste of Havana, Obama is banking on the notion that it will be incredibly unpopular for the next president to tell them to cancel their vacations.

However, there is controversy around the game, with Cubans upset at a serious talent drain of stars fleeing the impoverished communist island to seek lucrative contracts in the U.S. Major League.

As far back as 2008 about 61 percent Americans surveyed told a USA Today-Gallup poll that diplomatic relations should be restarted with Cuba.

Where to begin? The Castro thugs who have ruled Cuba with a totalitarian iron fist since their brutal takeover in 1959 have nothing but contempt for "unalienable rights", and they operate a

government instituted expressly to *deny* these rights without "the consent of the governed". "I think we're just about at that stage".

In a flawless world, where we all behave with respect toward one another, the Obama doctrine might be the way to go. Obama vowed to release more information about the role played by the U.S. in supporting the military regime. The Cato Institute said this embargo is an economic, political and social blockade from the U.S. This forced the Cuban government, and by chain of events, their people, to depend on the Russians for oil and trade.