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Under new procedures, Cuban refugees in Spain, Mexico and other countries who are the parents, spouses or minor children of Cuban refugees in the United States will be granted admission to this country without the Labor certificate required for a visa.

The Departments of State and Justice agreed upon the procedures in carrying out the President's pledge of October 3, 1965, to the people of Cuba "that those who seek refuge here will find it."

The new procedures will use the Attorney General's authority under Section 212 (d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to parole into the United States people without visas. Up to now, the authority has been limited to refugees coming directly from Cuba to the United States.

A number of Cuban refugees have fled and are continuing to flee to third countries although members of their immediate family are in the United States in parole or indefinite voluntary departure status. Thereafter family reunion within the United States in some cases has been prevented by the requirement of Section 212(a)(14) of the new law that they obtain a Labor certification. The result has been that many of the parents, spouses or minor children of Cubans who have been paroled into the United States for an indefinite stay have been separated from their closest relatives.

This situation will be remedied by an extension of the present "parole" procedures to permit the reunion of all such families just as the Immigration and Nationality Act now makes special provision for the immediate families of citizens and resident aliens.

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