CUBA Since December 2014

* People can now bring back $100 worth of Cuban tobacco and alcohol but has to be direct
* Can bring back a total of $400 worth of goods back from Cuba
* In august 2015, John Kerry visited to preside over the raising of the US flag over the newly restored American Embassy in Havana
* In May 2015 the US removed Cuba from its list of states that sponsor terrorism
* April 11, 2015 Obama and Castro meet marking the first time since 1961 that the heads of the 2 countries meet. They claimed that they would try to improve relations between the countries.
* Only 5% of Cubans actually have access to the uncensored, open Internet.
* July 20, 2015: The United States and Cuba reopen embassies in each other’s capitals
* In spite of the embargo, the US sends a monthly check of $4,085 check to Cuba as rent for Guantanamo Bay. Cuba has never cashed them.
* December 10, 2015 the U.S. and Cuban government finalized details of a program for the direct transportation of mail to be implemented.
* Trump supports the end of the embargo but claims he would have made a better deal
* As of January 2015, new policies have made it so Americans can take up to $100 of alcohol and tobacco home from Cuba
* December 17, 2014- Cuba Releases Alan Gross on humanitarian grounds. The U.S. Release the remaining 3 of the Cuban 5
* To this day the United States allocates an average of $20 million annually toward “regime change” in Cuba
* Raul Castro has promised to step down as the president of Cuba in 2018
* Fidel Castro, contrary to most Leftists, supports the idea of Israel as an internationally recognized Jewish State
* Cubans have one of the highest literacy rates in the world at 99.8%.
* Over the years Congress has approved a handful of exemptions to the embargo of Cuba, which currently buys (cash only) a half billion dollars’ worth of agricultural products from US growers.
* USA Rice Federation estimates that in 5 years $153 billion will be made in the shipping and rice industry alone after the embargo is lifted