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The Honorable Marco Rubio
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Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Rubio:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing over 241,000 rank-and-file law enforcement officers across the country, I am writing to urge you to seek by all means the immediate return of Joanne Chesimard and William Morales – and other violent fugitives who have escaped justice – from Cuba.

Joanne Chesimard is the only woman on the FBI's most wanted terrorist list for her role in the cold-blooded execution-style murder of New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster in 1973. William Morales, a bomb maker for the militant FALN, is responsible for the tragic bombing of Fraunces Tavern in Manhattan in 1975 as well as numerous other FALN bombings that killed and maimed scores of victims, including three New York City Detectives.

The fact that Chesimard and Morales – and violent fugitives like them – are living free in Cuba is an affront to the men and women who have dedicated their lives to protecting our communities as law enforcement officers – above all to the family and friends of police officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Joanne Chesimard has been living a free life in Cuba since 1984 and Morales since 1988, while families of their victims have been suffering without closure for nearly 50 years. NAPO urges you to do everything in your power to ensure the rendition of Joanne Chesimard, William Morales, and other violent fugitives from Cuba to ensure that those who commit violent, heinous crimes face justice, and that the families of those who lost their lives are brought peace.

NAPO has long called for the extradition of these cop-killers and violent felons, across numerous Administrations. We urge this Administration to be the one to finally bring these fugitives to justice. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

Michael McHale
President