

# *First Group of Cuban Immigrants Arrive in the U.S.*

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Washington, January 16 (RHC)-- The first group of 180 Cuban immigrants, of the more than 7,000 stranded in Central America, have arrived in Laredo, in the U.S. State of Texas.

The transfer was in the framework of a pilot plan, agreed upon by Central American governments, as a solution to the current situation of those immigrants, who after leaving Cuba legally, are trying to reach U.S. soil, encouraged by Washington's arbitrary migration policy towards the Caribbean state.

Most of the 180 people, making up that first group, were flown from Costa Rica to El Salvador, from where they were taken by bus first to Guatemala and later, to Mexico. Once in Mexico, they paid for their own flight tickets to the U.S. -- their final destination.

A meeting of representatives from all countries involved will take place on Monday, January 18th, in Guatemala to evaluate the results of the pilot plan, and agree on the next step toward solving the situation of the rest of the Cuban immigrants, who are still stranded in Central America.

The Cuban and Central American governments have unsuccessfully called on U.S. authorities to repeal the Cuban Adjustment Act and other pieces of legislation, which encourage illegal migration of Cubans to the United States.

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