

AMIO BACKGROUND

- o Presidential Proclamation No. 4865 of Sep 29, 1981
  - suspended entry into US of undocumented aliens from the high seas
- o Executive Order No. 12324 of Sep 29, 1981
  - tasked CG with enforcing the suspension
  - tasked DOS to enter agreements with appropriate countries to prevent illegal migrations
  - tasked DOJ to take steps to ensure US meets international obligations concerning refugees
- o Currently only one agreement in effect - Haiti
  - allows boardings of HA vessels and repatriation of undocumented aliens
- o CG operations
  - Windward Passage
    - One cutter patrolling vicinity of Haiti
      - INS agent and interpreter on board to determine if interdicted migrants have possible legitimate claim to refugee status (legitimate fear of persecution)
        - those with possible legitimate claims taken to U.S. for formal hearings
        - those determined to be economic migrants returned to Haiti
        - interviews fairly brief and informal (less 5 min/person)
    - Routine surveillance flights
  - AMIO North (1983)
    - Senate Report 98-179 Calendar No. 284 pg 16 directed CG to expand program to all cutters operating off S. Florida
    - Patrols/deployments primarily based on intel
    - INS agents collocated with CG in Miami
      - agents transported to scene to conduct interview

o Interdictions

	<u>FY89</u>		<u>FY90</u>	
	<u>INT</u>	<u>RET</u>	<u>INT</u>	<u>RET</u>
Haitians	4902	4474	871	837
DOMREPs	664	66	1426	506
Others	357	0	501	0

- NOTE: Haitians returned as per the agreement. Others returned through special arrangements with flag state. Majority of "others" are CU; all treated as refugees.

o Resource Hours

- FY89 Cutter: 8,683                      FY90: Cutter: 9,396  
Aircraft: 2,578                              Aircraft: 3,562