

JOHN BLOCK, PRESIDENT REAGAN'S AGRICULTURE SECRETARY, TALKS ABOUT CUBA AND THE CONSERVATIVE VALUES THAT BROUGHT HIM TO WASHINGTON

“I have a passion for trade, for agriculture in all countries, and I have felt for years it is truly ridiculous that we don't have an open relationship with Cuba.”



Agriculture Secretary John Block and President Ronald Reagan

“We have seen time and again that the best way for our nation to influence change eventually leading to the spread of democracy is through building relationships with our trading partners.”

“Through our limited relationship, Cuba has been a good market for us, and by adding American tourism to their economy they'd have more resources to purchase American food, fiber and fuel.”

“It's hard to think of a better expression for the conservative values that brought me to Washington than taking steps now to create profits and jobs here in America, while providing better nutrition, more contacts, and greater hope for the Cuban people.”

John Block