

SECRETARY GUTIERREZ

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Secretary of State

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Those words have guided you throughout your life, first as a community activist in Miami, later as a Senator from Florida, and today as the Secretary of State of the United States of America. Your life has been devoted to making the promise inherent in these words a reality both within the United States and throughout the world. It is no easy struggle, indeed it is a never-ending one, where one must always remain vigilant and ready to take action in defense of others. Yet there is no more rewarding path in all the world.

There are always challenges to the implementation of such pure principles, human cynicism being the first amongst them. You have struggled your entire life to motivate others and shake off the chains of apathy that hold them back. Each person is capable of so much more than they give themselves credit for. You've seen it time and time again that when people are motivated towards constructing a better life for themselves, they accomplish the most amazing of tasks. You witnessed it first hand in the Cuban community you grew up in, but also across the globe when assistance is offered and security is assured.

When you first caught whiff of Project Resonance, it was presented as a non-lethal weapon growing out of Braiden's Syndrome research. That did not sound so bad, so you never looked into it much. It was one of hundreds of projects, and frankly your efforts were focused on dealing with various crises in Africa, the Middle East (always!) and Asia. If only you had thought to find out more, you can't help but feel that you could somehow have averted disaster...

Colonel Rothenberg was one of those in the military who pushed for Project Resonance to be funded. Everything you heard about Rothenberg led to trust that judgement.

Secretary Highmore came from Wall Street and you can tell. Highmore stinks of corporate privilege, wealth and the overconfidence that comes from having everything handed to you on a platter. You resent that Carroll appointed someone like that to the cabinet. Doesn't Carroll understand that this is about more than money?

Secretary Stevenson is the only cabinet member you find even harder to deal with than Highmore. Stevenson is a drunken, overconfident, bigoted jerk. The only good thing you have ever seen Stevenson do is stand up against the Resonance Project.

Secretary Moorland is head of health and human services, but is far more concerned with bottom lines and balanced budgets than with any human issue.

Vice President Richardson is one of the few other truly principled people you have ever met in politics. Your respect for Carroll skyrocketed based on the choice of Richardson for VP. Richardson is the biggest reason you accepted a cabinet position.