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One Man's Passion and Fight To Reunite the United States and Cuba

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We live in a world bathed in cultural diversity and can forget that our neighbors—many from other countries who although have acclimated themselves to our western way of life—have a history of their own. While governments fight governments, it's the people who suffer. Because many of those who flee to the United States seeking safety or a better life will never be able to return to their homeland again. Their children and grandchildren will never see the origin of their people, the struggles etched in architecture or the open wounds of those left behind. All lost to the memory of elders and history books that rarely depict reality of the truth.

One man, Victorino Noval, a Los Angeles resident is passionate not to let this happen.

With the passing of his father Victorino Noval Sr., earlier this year, he is through the Victorino Noval Foundation that his father formed, bringing awareness to the plight of Cuban people desperate to reunite with America and Americans wanting to reconnect with Cuba, but are prohibited from going there. Where his late father ended his quest, Noval has taken over by lobbying Washington to end the

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Cuban embargo. Before Noval Sr. passed away and through the Victorino Noval Foundation, he hired Alex Lightman to author what has become a 340 page revelation titled, *We Need Cuba; 78 Reasons To End The US Embargo of Cuba*. The powerful book is headed straight to Congress. Lightman, a California native, grew up in Washington, DC and attended MIT and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. The son of a court reporter, Lightman attended hundreds of meetings, including U.S. Senate hearings, World Bank aid meetings and he even worked for U.S. Senator Paul E. Tsongas. He has more than 25 years in high technology, telecommunications and information companies in areas including artificial intelligence, expert systems, and financial engineering. According



Victorino Noval, Sr.



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(the Internal Government of Anti-Communist Liberation)

to Noval, Lightman knows his way around Washington and isn't afraid to call out the who and what that he considers illegal, corrupt and counter-productive.

"There is no end to the number of people who have been and are paid by the U.S. government to write creepy articles and Letters to the Editor that say... 'stay the course on Cuba,'" states Lightman. "Let's recap what 'course' we are talking about and begin with the fact that the Cuban embargo violates the first, fifth, and fourteenth amendments of the United States Constitution." The volumes of research Lightman has amassed is endless, plus he has made calls to political leaders, members of Congress, corporate entities and citizens from both the United States and Cuba to document his unwavering plight.