

Cuban Boy's Father Alleges Bribery

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MIAMI - Elian Gonzalez's father told U.S. immigration officials that his Miami relatives offered him millions of dollars, a house and a car to join the 6-year-old boy in the United States, according to court papers filed Thursday.

"I could go there with all my family and would be taken care and could have a job if I wanted to work, but with the money offered I would not need to do so," the father said. "That's when I hung up the telephone."

The U.S. government filed the papers in response to a lawsuit filed by the boy's Miami relatives, who are chal-

lenging an order that Elian be sent back to live with his father in Cuba.

In its 400-page response, the government argued that the federal courts have no right to intervene and that allowing Elian to stay could "seriously prejudice the ability of the U.S. government to help parents in the United States recover their children taken to foreign countries."

The next hearing in the case is set for the week of March 6, although the judge in the case could possibly issue a ruling sooner.

The dispute over Elian's fate began two months ago, after he was found clinging to an inner tube in the Atlantic Ocean. His mother and 10 other people

fleeing Cuba for Florida died after their boat capsized.

The boy's Cuban grandparents have been in the United States for the past week to appeal for his return. They had a tearful, tense reunion with the boy in Florida on Wednesday, and on Thursday they renewed their efforts on Capitol Hill.

The court papers reflect some of the dominant themes of the debate: The families in Cuba and Florida each say the other side is lying and being manipulated by political forces.

Lazaro Gonzalez, a great-uncle who has temporary custody of the boy in Miami, told immigration officials that he spoke to Elian's father by telephone two

or three days before the boy was even found. Lazaro Gonzalez said Elian's father asked him to protect Elian "by whatever means available" but eventually changed his tune and asked for Elian to come back.

"We all think he's under pressure from the government, because of his change in sentiment, and I'm amazed about this," Lazaro Gonzalez said.

Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, was interviewed by Immigration and Naturalization Service officials in Havana on Dec. 13 and 31.

In those interviews, the boy's father said his relatives in Miami offered him \$2 million, a house and a car if he would join his son in the United States.

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