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**IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH CUBANS**

Immigration officials will meet with representatives of the Cubans at Tent City this afternoon with a view to returning the camp to its prior management regimes as soon as possible. Discussion will also focus on the options available to the Cubans in resolving their situation as illegal migrants in the Cayman Islands.

The Cuban Management Committee comprising agencies involved in the management of Tent City met this morning to review the situation and to make recommendations to minimise potential for further problems at Tent City. Medium- and longer-term solutions to the problems were discussed.

"The first priority is to return the camp to its proper management and control under the respective government agencies," said Chief Immigration Officer Gerry Maguire.

Since Saturday night's disturbance, there have been no further incidents at the camp.

Increased efforts will be made to remind the Cubans of the option to transfer to the US safe haven at Guantanamo Bay. About 100 Cubans at Tent City, 24 of them children, make-up family units. There are

another 100 to 125 single individuals. Under the US parole programme, Cubans with children are considered on a priority basis for entry into the United States.

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