

Ostend Manifesto proclaimed outright that Cuba “belongs naturally to that great family of states of which the Union is the providential nursery.”

(1854)

Cuba begins war for independence from Spain

(1868)

Spanish-American War

(1898)

United States militarization of Cuba

(1899-1902)

Political crisis in Cuba
(1952)

Cuban Revolution
(1953-1959)

Bay of Pigs Invasion
(1961)

Cuban Missile Crisis
(1962)

President Barack Obama and President Raúl
Castro agree to normalize relations
between the United States and Cuba
(2014)