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When President Obama first took office, he signed an executive order to close the controversial military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba—where the U.S. has held terror suspects for years without charges.

Though he didn't succeed in closing Gitmo, a symbol of the post-9/11 war on terror, Obama made a final push to clear out the camp before President Trump took over. Last year, he released 52 detainees, nearly half of them men who had been held indefinitely without charges. Once deemed too dangerous to let go, the detainees were finally cleared for release and scattered around the world in secret deals with foreign governments.

FRONTLINE examines the release of these “indefinite detainees,” and the little-known history of how Gitmo became a place where the government claimed it could hold people beyond the reach of U.S. law.

In the first segment, *Out of Gitmo*, NPR and WGBH News reporter Arun Rath follows the trail of one of the most recently released detainees—from Gitmo to Serbia, where the government sent the former terror suspect. Rath, who has been covering Gitmo for years, talks with officials inside the camp and in Washington, including former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, exploring the challenges and complexities of releasing men who were never charged with a crime but were once considered too great a risk to let go.

Rath's reporting continues in a second segment, *Forever Prison*. In collaboration with Retro Report, the film draws on extensive and rare archival footage to tell the little known story of how the military base came to be used to hold people beyond the reach of U.S. law. It happened a decade before 9/11, when some 70,000 Haitian refugees fled their country, seeking asylum in the U.S. in the wake of a bloody coup.

Together, *Out of Gitmo* and *Forever Prison* provide essential context for the continuing debate on what to do with the people still there—and what will happen to the camp going forward.

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