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President Roberto Viola
Casa Rosada
Balcarce 50
Buenos Aires, Argentina

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)
U.S. DEPT OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
() Release Exercise () Deny
Exemption(s): B6
Declassify: () In Part () In Full
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Date _____ Declassify on _____ Reason _____

RELEASE IN FULL

Mr. President:

We are aware through the 1980 report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the continued violations of human rights and absence of customary legal safeguards in Argentina. As a Christian and ex-military officer who fought against Nazism in the Second World War, I am particularly disgusted by the selective and obscene brutality towards Argentinans of Jewish descent in prisons under your authority.

In the name of Christian charity, we pray that you will release the following prisoners before Christmas:

- Mario Jaime Zarsceansky
- Rosana Judith Szaferstein
- Isaac Rudnik Ortiz
- Pablo Bohoslavsky
- Ruben Sergio Pra
- Jose Erlich
- Gustavo Westerkamp
- Graciela Mellibovsky

We have not forgotten nor will we forget.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul E. Damon, Member
Tucson Committee for Human Rights
in Latin America

cc: Argentine Embassy
Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
United Nations Working Group on Enforced or
Involuntary Disappearances
Congressman Morris K. Udall
Senator Dennis DeConcini
Senator Barry Goldwater
Bureau of Human Rights, Department of State

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