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Dear Senator Tsongas:

Thank you for your letter of July 1 on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Benjamin Summers concerning the human rights situation in Argentina, and in particular the cases of Juan Alverto Epstein, Ana Esther Koldorf, Claudia Kon, Magdalena del Carmen Romanuk de Moreno Krieman, Mirta Emilce Sgro Menajovsky, Eduardo Adrian Menajovsky, Julio Mario Menajovsky, and Ernesto Podolsky.

Over the past few years considerable progress has been made in the release of prisoners being detained by power of the National Executive, the so-called PEN prisoners. I am pleased to inform you of the recent parole on April 27 of Ms. Kon; Ms. del Carmen Romanuk and Mr. Podolsky in early June, 1982.

We do not know the current status of Mr. Epstein, Ms. Koldorf, Ms. Menajovsky, or Eduardo Menajovsky. Cases of PEN detentions are systematically reviewed by Argentine authorities and we are hopeful that prisoners will continue to be released. We will ask our Embassy in Buenos Aires to investigate the status of these cases and to forward the available current information.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary for
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Enclosure:
Correspondence returned.

The Honorable
Paul E. Tsongas,
United States Senate.

cc: American Embassy
Buenos Aires, Argentina

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