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Dear Senator Bradley:

Thank you for your letter of December 7 on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Stephen Lanset concerning the human rights situation in Argentina, specifically the detention and torture of Argentine citizens.

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Of those individuals mentioned in Mr. Lanset's list, Deborah Benshoam has been released from prison and is currently in the United States. Rafael Rey and Norberto Liwsky have also been paroled. Pablo Klimowsky has been released from detention.

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Concerning other prisoners being held without charge in Argentina, in recent months about 450 people have been released from executive detention or paroled. We are very encouraged by this trend and hope that progress in this area will continue.

The major human rights issue still facing Argentina is accounting for the disappeared. This is a problem we hope the Argentines will eventually resolve. At the same time, we will continue to use our influence privately and in international fora to encourage Argentine officials to make information available to the families of missing persons. We will ask our Embassy in Buenos Aires to notify your office directly should any information concerning these individuals become available.

Yours sincerely,

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