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Dear Senator Goldwater:

Thank you for your inquiry of December 30 on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Paul Damon concerning the human rights situation in Argentina.

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The Department of State has been aware of some of the cases mentioned by Mr. Damon. Mario Jaime Zaraceansky, Isaac Rudnick Ortiz, Jose Erlich, and Gustavo Westerkamp remain detained under the authority of the National Executive. We will ask our Embassy in Buenos Aires to continue their efforts on behalf of these individuals.

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Rosana Judith Szaferstein and Graciela Mellibovsky are among the many who have disappeared in Argentina and about whom we have been unable to obtain information regarding their welfare and whereabouts. Accounting for the disappeared is one of the most difficult human rights problems facing the Argentine Government and one which we hope the Argentines will eventually resolve.

We do not know the current status of Ruben Sergio Pra. According to one human rights organization, a Sergio Ruben Pra Londero was arrested in 1975, but we have no confirmation of his detention.

We also have no information regarding Pablo Bohoslavsky.

We will ask our Embassy in Buenos Aires to provide any additional information on these cases to your office.

Yours sincerely,

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