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Dear Senator Chiles:

Thank you for your letter of April 23 on behalf of your constituents Alfred Robbins, Murray Greenberg, and Dave Mitchell concerning the cases of Mario Jaime Zareceansky and Rafael Rey in Argentina.

We have made representations on Mr. Zareceansky's behalf to the Argentine government and have issued him a certificate of eligibility to enter the United States should he be granted the right of option to leave Argentina. Unfortunately, to date Mr. Zareceansky's applications for right of option have been denied. We will ask our Embassy in Buenos Aires to continue their efforts on his behalf and to inform your office directly of any significant developments in the case.

Concerning Mr. Rey, he was released from prison last July under a form of parole, and has ceased to be under the jurisdiction of the National Executive authority (PEN) as of a decree issued March 8, 1982. As we understand Argentine law, the right of option is no longer relevant to his case. Mr. Rey would be free to apply for a passport in order to leave the country. He may already have done so. We will ask our Embassy in Buenos Aires to inquire and to let your office know of Mr. Rey's plans.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Lawton Chiles, United States Senate.

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