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Dear Senator Moynihan:

Thank you for your inquiry of December 6 on behalf of your constituent, Neil Harron, concerning the human rights situation in Argentina, and in particular the cases of Jorge Arrieta, Oscar Kulzanosky, Ruben Pra, Jose Erlich, Juan Epstein, Ana Kaldorf, Mirta and Eduardo Menajovsky, and Pablo Bohoslavsky.

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. This is a special emergency power granted to the Executive which was initiated during the 1976 state of siege. I am pleased to inform you of the recent parole on November 2, 1982 of Ruben Pra.

We do not know the current status of Messrs. Arrieta, Kulzanosky, Erlich, Epstein, Menajovsky, Bohoslavsky, Ms. Kaldorf and Ms. Menajovsky. Cases of PEN detentions are systematically reviewed by Argentine authorities and we are hopeful that prisoners will continue to be released. The current number of PEN detainees is 245 and new releases are occurring monthly. 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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