

February 27, 1984

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Dear Dr. Pietinen:

Thank you for your letter of February 8.

It is true that the situation in our country started to change in 1976. The people who suffered here horrible human rights violations were deeply disappointed and almost betrayed. It was refused to make an investigation through a Parliamentary Commission and the military criminals are submitted to the military law or justice as if to torture was an act of service. Perhaps soon the military will be judged but a crowd of torturers and criminals will remain free living among us. Furthermore the "military institution" will be saved. Before the elections we were afraid about the possibility of an agreement between military and the two main political parties, radicalism and peronism. Now we think thoroughly it was so. As a citizen I must think perhaps it was the only way out. It was easier for us to fight against dictatorship. Now we are confronted to a "democratic" government. As a victim I think, since several years ago, we shall never know nothing at all about our children.

So it is with all history of mankind. The injustices of one age are finally alleviated. The victims of the past can never be compensated. And each new age brings its new injustices. But life is to be lived, not grieved over. Instinct rules us.

Lately there are a lot of hideous discoveries. Common graves with unbelievable amount of corpses most of them with evidences of torture, or the hands cut off, or the head missing by blasting, or the hands tied at the back. Some three weeks ago were found a whole family: the head of the father was missing by blasting, the wife, a child aged 6 months and other two aged 4 and 6 years all of them with a bullet into the skull. The military report published through the press corresponding to a "confrontation" in that house and that date said that in the house five subversives had been thrown down. If we could shout to the whole world these things! But the world is deaf and blind.

And now the U.S.A. is preparing to sell armament to these criminals.

By the way, despite of the fact we feel betrayed I prefer this Government instead of military. And we wish Alfonsín will finish his legal period and that he will put the next President in power through elections.

Undoubtedly the ICSU slowness is awfully distressing. Above all for people like we who are living since several years a tragic stress. The National Academy of Sciences (U.S.A.) have already claimed to our Government on behalf of some cases. If the ICSU shakes its drawiness they could address a petition to our President as the NAS did.

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