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Dr. Pirjo Pietinen
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Dear Dr. Pietinen:

I received your letter of January 7. Thank you very much.

I am delayed to answer you but it is not my fault. There were several concurrent negative reasons.

First of all people generally is very lazy. When I was out of our country in Nov. 1982 my wife distributed the questionnaires. Some of them say they didn't receive anything at all, others say they shipped the questionnaires in the middle of Dec. and others say they still didn't it but that they will do. As you can realize I am permanently pushing them.

Since many days ago I was trying to obtain the enclosed report after Dr. Westerkamp about the CONICET. I have it already now.

Dr. Westerkamp is a well known physicist and a valuable supporter on Human Rights. Until a few months ago he had a son in jail during seven years without any charge at all. He never saw a Judge.

But I prefer to be clearer than Dr. Westerkamp about the CONICET.

The point is other than the CONICET's managers can be supporters of the dictatorship.

The CONICET itself is an official dependency on the whole. It belongs to the Ministry of Education. Money, all the staff and Directors, all is provided or nominated by the National Government through the Ministry of Education. CONICET's funds are included in the national budget. As it is usual under this dictatorship the CONICET dismisses many people because ideological reasons. Not because they were subversives. If you are not a servant of the dictatorship, it is enough.

Our corrupted armed forces use the same methods as the "maffia". With the difference that the "maffia" dares the police and the law. These "maffiosi" offend with impunity as they perform "terrorism of State". It is the biggest monstrosity a human society can endure.

Several times these delinquents deceive people of civilized countries. This dictatorship uses to send their servants, some of them belonging to the intelligent service to attend international meetings. Several times those delegates deceive by surprise the good faith of civilized people. Some examples are a meeting on statistics in Filipinas some few years ago and after a meeting about environment problems in India.

Speaking briefly: to deal with the CONICET is exactly the same thing as to deal with the dictatorship.

Anyway, there is a good aspect if you address to the CONICET. It will be like a boomerang for those impostors.

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Would you be so kind to let me have copies of your letters to the CONICET in connection with our cases ?

It will be wonderfull for us to go to the CONICET to press them. And, excuse me, we need also copies of the CONICET answers to you if they do it.

We need any kind of tools for our struggle and I think what I am begging you should be "heavy weapons" for us. You must realize that we have transformed our nightmare into a political struggle regardless of our own cases.

The correct address:

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Avda. Rivadavia 1917
1033 Buenos Aires
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I have no words to than you because your support and your kindness. In the name of my wife, Mimi, and myself warmest regards.

Yours sincerely .

H. Humphrey Rojas

c.c. Prof. J.H. Humphrey