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Excelentísimo Senor Presidente  
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Dear Mr. President:

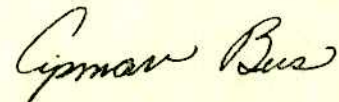
I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the National Academy of Sciences' Committee on Human Rights. Our Committee members and many others in the American scientific community have been very heartened by Argentina's return to democratic rule and by your efforts to redress the grievous human rights violations that have occurred.

Since its creation in 1976 our Committee has maintained an active interest in a number of scientists in Argentina whom we believe to have been victims of human rights violations. A few for whom we made inquiries such as Horacio Cifardini, an economist, Nicholas G. Bazan, a physiologist, and physicists, Juan Carlos Gallardo and Jose Westerkamp were released from detention. Many others, however, have "disappeared." We respectfully request any information that may come to light during your investigations regarding imprisoned scientists or those who have disappeared. Of particular interest to our Committee are the following cases:

- Federico Alvarez Rojas - Physicist
- Graciela Leikis Rojas - Computer programmer
- Gabriela Carabelli - Physicist
- Antonio Missetich - Physicist
- Eduardo Pasquini - Physicist
- Blanca Frida Becher de Molciusky - Psychologist (According to information received in 1983, she was being held under PEN in Unit #2 of Villa Devoto Prison.)

We would like to thank you for your attention to this matter of importance to our Committee. Please accept our best wishes in your courageous efforts to ensure freedom and justice for your country and its people.

Sincerely,



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Chairman

cc: Dante Caputo  
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