

To the United Nations
High Commissioner for Refugees
Mr. Paul Hartling

12th. July 1978

Dear Sir:

After receiving your kind answer of 19th. April, I have waited a prudential time, expecting that your demarchés could produce positive result. -

Nevertheless nothing has happened. At least 10 of the Uruguayan political refugees, that were kidnapped in Buenos Aires, and refouled illegally to Uruguay in the months of June and July 1976 are still detained in the Libertad and Punta de Rieles jails. And what is for more serious, four of the persons I mention in my statement, have disappeared. One of them was a baby of 20 months at the moment of these events. -

As you will agree, this is outside the scope of possible events to be expected of a society ruled by the law. I have submitted to you - the Office specifically in charge of these duties - a very clear statement which demonstrates the flagrant violation of my own rights and of those of a group of persons which I detain in it. I relate how the governments of Argentina and Uruguay, trespassed the Convention of 1951 of which both are parties.

I provide in it with proofs which nobody has ever been able to object. I am ready to support what I have said before any Tribunal which you might consider competent. I do not want any recognition of my being right because I know I am right. -

Through you I only want justice to be performed. Maybe I am being naive but I am resorting to what is left in my heart of faith in the sincerity and honesty of human beings. Up to the moment I have been unable to obtain any result. The prisoners are still in jail, no notice has been given on the fate of disappeared ones and the criminals have not been punished neither have they been stopped, in their way of criminal violence. -

I hope that I will never realize that I have been mistaken and then lose that faith. It would be indeed regrettable that at this stage of my life I would have to arrive to the conclusion that the only way to materialize the world of peace and justice we want, should be to destroy the order in which we live. I am not looking for any special treatment, neither do I want any charity. I am claiming for the undeniable rights of human beings. I am submitting my claim to the appropriate organism by means of the recognized procedures which the civilized world provides me. -

I want to point out that I do not pretend to give orders neither do I want to determine ways. They are clearly indicated in the agreements and treaties - in my statement you will find all the necessary elements to prove the infraction - UNHCR must claim the devolution of these refugees and the recognition of their rights. In case that the accused governments, did not agree to or stopped the action of UNHCR, the organization should bring the case before the General Assembly of the United Nations, stating the lack of respect and collaboration of these governments to the Office, and their infraction to the international treaties, the custody of which compliance has been relied in the hands of UNHCR. =

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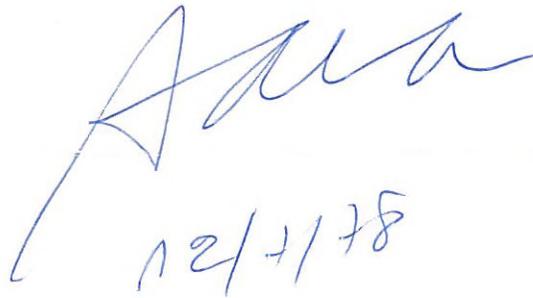
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I trust once again, in the success of your urgent intervention. I must remind you that these refugees have been in illegal detention, in extremely bad conditions, for two years. ^{already}

I hope that soon I will have the satisfaction of having a personal interview with you, and ~~await~~ wait for your advise in order to travel ~~in~~ ^{to} Geneva,

Yours faith fully,

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- Escríbi en mayúsculas solo para que mi letra fuera más legible. ~~pero las palabras con barra~~
- Un abrazo grande,


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