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# ARGENTINE COMMISSION for HUMAN RIGHTS

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Dear Friends:

In the next few weeks, the State Department will be deciding on its request of military assistance to Argentina. Due to the mounting evidence of that country's gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, the Carter Administration has been under tremendous pressure from Congress, religious groups and human rights organizations not to continue military aid to Argentina. In our most recent conversations with State Department people, we have gathered that they are seriously considering limiting, and possibly eliminating, their request of aid for Argentina.

We feel that a concerted campaign of pressure to the present Administration from organisms such as yours at this time, would provide the crucial element of public concern which could very well make the difference in their decision. It must be conveyed to President Carter that Argentina is the most urgent case for his Administration to apply human rights criteria. It can become the pivotal decision in establishing a new relationship with the countries of Latin America.

The urgency of the present period requires that we act now in a combined and direct fashion by addressing President Carter on this issue, indicating to him the concrete measures that must be taken in order to break away from past policies.

We are enclosing the suggested text of a letter to be sent to President Carter with copies to Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Terrence Toddman, and to us. Enclosed also find a copy of the letter we are sending to President Carter, with copies to the above mentioned officials, to Congresspeople and human rights organisms.

We are confident that with your cooperation all our efforts will result in a more rapid solution to the plight of our Argentine brothers and sisters.

Sincerely yours,



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