

28th May 1984

Dear Daddy and all at Home:

Finally I have some time on hand to write a decent type of letter. By now you will have received my letter (Post Card) from Argentina. I travelled through Peru, and then continued on to Buenos Aires. There were people waiting for me in the Airport and I had no trouble absolutely. I then got lodged up in a house in B. A. and began a week of meetings and other activities.

The city has changed very little but the whole atmosphere is much more depressed than before. Speaking to people one discovers easily that they have been through years of terror and as yet they haven't got totally rid of their fear. Most of the meetings I have had have been with the Mothers & Relatives of Disappeared. Their situation is very dramatic as it is becoming increasingly evident that most have been assassinated and buried secretly.

I have also been meeting with some old friends and I had a very pleasant surprise in meeting once again with Fatima Calvera who was arrested with me & her family. She is in very good spirits and has just finished her studies as a primary school teacher. However the family had a terrible tragedy on Christmas Day because one of her sisters - 22 years of age - who was suffering from a lot of Depression, got up early & threw herself under a train which passes near the house. Commuting suicide. It has affected the family in a terrible way as you can imagine and by the way

very distressed about it. Another sister just married the other day and her brother has begun drinking. They have had certainly the most difficult of times over the last few years.

I didn't realise the weather would have been so cold here and I didn't take the necessary precautions particularly at night so I got an attack of the flu which I am getting over just now.

The last few days I spent visiting the families in Cochabamba - a city some 400 miles or more from B.A. It is an area where the military were specially brutal. There the relatives were quite well organised & had a lot of activities organised so I was kept very busy.

I am now (Saturday) writing from the city of Monterideo in Uruguay which is just across the River from B.A. Uruguay is still governed by a military dictatorship but there are elections programmed for within the next few months. It is a very nice city & a very friendly people and it is sad to see the military controlling everything. Hopefully soon they will reconquer their democracy.

Next week I will be returning once again to Venezuela. But I'll get you another letter before I travel.

I'm falling behind in things for the Archival but I will soon send some articles. Hope you are all well and in good spirits. I will try & bring one of the days when I get back to

Benjamin . all the best
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part.

It is really raining very heavy here
in Uruguay so I haven't been able
to get to the Post Office.

Hopefully I'll get there
now

all the best to all at Home
I suppose the summer is
starting now.