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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Rice

Thank you very much for your letters of the 1st and 11th November. The Ambassador and I again visited Fr. Patrick on Tuesday last and found him in unchanged form since my last visit. Owing to prison regulations, he unfortunately cannot write letters in English. However, he has written a long letter to me in Spanish with the request that I translate it into English and send it to you. Accordingly I enclose the translation with this letter.

We are continuing to press the authorities here on his case, and there have recently been some encouraging signs. Indeed, to-day I was talking to some Ministry officials and they indicated they are quite optimistic that the case will be resolved 'any day now'.

I will continue to keep you informed of all developments.

Yours sincerely,

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