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Señor Presidente / Dear President

I am writing to you to express my concern about threats received by the Comite de Defensa de los Derechos del Pueblo - CODEPU, on January 29, 1992. I understand that the threats were made by telephone on the date above, following a break-in at the offices of CODEPU, and the callers identified themselves as the "Frente Nacionalista de Combate". They stated they knew who the members of CODEPU were, and that they would kill them.

Although I am not in any way associated with CODEPU, I am very concerned that this human rights organization be allowed to continue its work without its members fearing for their lives, or being subject to further harrassment of any kind. I therefore respectfully request that you give your attention to this, and the source of the threats be investigated, and those responsible be brought to justice. I would further ask that adequate steps be taken to protect the members and the property of CODEPU.

My motives in writing are not politically biased; I refer you to article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression. This right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."

I look forward to hearing of your response to my request.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely and respectfully,

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