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Washington, D.C. 20520



Dear Senator Mack:

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Thank you for your letter of November 19, 1999 regarding the interest of your constituent, [redacted] in the fate of Narciso Gonzalez, the university professor and critic of the Balaguer government, who disappeared in the Dominican Republic in 1994.

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The case of Mr. Gonzalez has been the subject of ongoing investigations by several branches of the government of the Dominican Republic. The case is now under review by the National District Chief Prosecutor's office, but there has been no resolution. A petition was filed with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in 1994. It was accepted in 1998 and continues to be processed. No recommendation has been issued yet. There is also a special Follow-Up Commission, composed of petitioners in the case, persons named by the government, and members of the Truth Commission, observing the investigation.

The United States Embassy in Santo Domingo is also monitoring this case. The United States government will continue to bring this case to the attention of the government of the Dominican Republic and to urge a resolution of the case that both clarifies the fate of Narciso Gonzalez and identifies those responsible.

We hope this information is helpful. If we may be of further assistance on this or any other subject, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of Legislative Affairs

The Honorable  
Connie Mack  
United States Senate.

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