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Asgistered letter dated May 3, 1975 from

Mr. François Genoud Fontanettaz 25 1012 Lausanne

Mr. Ambassador:

I take the liberty to present you the following problem:

When I was traveling in Latin America during the second half of March 1975, I decided—for business reasons—to return to Europe via the United States. I went to your Embassy in Bogota and complied with all formalities to obtain a transit visa for the U.S. Once the visa officer there had all my personal data on hand, I was informed that my name was on a list of persons to whom a visa may not be issued without prior approval of the Department of State.

Mr. André Mécili, an advocate from Paris, who accompanied me was given the same treatment. This is a scandal, as Mr. Mécili does not figure on the list of undesirable persons, and—as confessed later by the Visa Officer—was simply not given a visa because he was in my company.

The visa officer in question is Miss Patsy Stephens, who, I dare say, gives an odious picture of your country.

I kindly request you, Mr. Ambassador, to undertake a proper investigation of this incident in which considerable unjustice was done to Mr. Mécili and myself.

If my name is on a list of undesirable persons, it must be an error, as I have never been in the United Sates and I have no connections whatsoever in your country. I kindly request you to rectify this error.

Awaiting your reply, I remain.

Sincerely yours.

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