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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM WIFE OF JACOBO TIMERMAN TO
- PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: BUENOS AIRES 2303

1. LOU - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED BY MAIL THE FOLLOWING LETTER,
DATED MARCH 11, FROM WIFE OF JACOBO TIMERMAN:

QUOTE DEAR MR. CARTER:

BEING THE WIFE OF THE JOURNALIST JACOBO TIMERMAN AND
MOTHER OF HIS THREE SONS, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY
DEEPEST THANKS FOR YOUR PROCEEDINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT
OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC IN BEHALF OF MY HUSBAND'S
RELEASE. HE IS STILL BEING "DETAINED AND ISOLATED UNDER
SURVEILLANCE" IN OUR BUENOS AIRES HOME.

FURTHERMORE, I WOULD LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THE
COURAGEOUS AND SKILLFUL WORK OF DR. CASTRO, YOUR
AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA, FOLLOWING YOUR INSPIRATION IN
YOUR UNCEASING STRUGGLE IN BEHALF OF HUMAN RIGHTS, HAS
HIGHLY CONTRIBUTED TO PRESERVE UNTIL NOW MY HUSBAND'S
LIFE.

JACOBO TIMERMAN IS ONLY GUILTY OF HAVING INSISTED, BOTH
PERSONALLY AND AS A JOURNALIST, IN FIGHTING FOR DEMOCRACY
AND HUMAN RIGHTS. BUT HE IS STILL BEING KEPT A PRISONER
IN OUR HOME, THERE BEING NO JUDICIAL OR POLITICAL CHARGES
LEVELLED AGAINST HIM.

LET US ONLY HOPE THAT WITH THE HELP OF GOD, IN THIS CASE,
AS IN MANY OTHERS, THE EFFORTS OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION,
PAST AND FUTURE, WILL LEAD TO THE RELEASE OF MY HUSBAND
AND HIS REUNION WITH US.

ONCE MORE, MY HEARTFELT THANKS.

/S/ MRS. RISCHÉ M. TIMERMAN, KLONIMOS ST. 5, TEL AVIV,
TEL. 03-249830. UNQUOTE VIETS

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HR Highlights Item:

TIMERMAN

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Former "La Opinion" editor (I thought publisher) Jacobo Timerman was permitted to leave his apartment where he is under house arrest to be examined by an eye specialist to correct a problem in Timerman's only eye. Reportedly permission for the visit was granted by a special plea made by Rabi Leon Clinki (phonic), an Argentine working with B'nai Brith/in Argentina (Tex: Is this correct?) to Minister of Interior Harguindeguy. Timerman is reportedly increasingly depressed. His immediate family is in Israel; his relatives' visiting hours have been restricted as well as those of his rabi.

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SUBJECT: TIMERMAN HUNGER STRIKE

1. WASHINGTON OFFICE OF B'NAI B'RITH ADVISED DEPARTMENT THAT JACOBO TIMERMAN INTENDED TO BEGIN HUNGER STRIKE ON MARCH 24 TO PROTEST HIS CONTINUED DETENTION BY GOA. ACCORDING TO B'NAI B'RITH, TIMERMAN CHOSE MARCH 24 AS THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF COUP AND THE APPROACHING OF THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DETENTION. B'NAI B'RITH RECEIVED REPORT OF IMPEDING HUNGER STRIKE FROM ITS CONTACTS IN BUENOS AIRES WHO HAD BEEN INFORMED BY JOSE TIMERMAN. B'NAI B'RITH IS AWARE OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY INVITATION TO TIMERMAN BUT BELIEVED THAT HUNGER STRIKE WAS NOT NECESSARILY CONNECTED AND THAT TIMERMAN'S MAIN GOAL IS STILL EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL TO JOIN HIS FAMILY. B'NAI B'RITH HAS INFORMED ITS AFFILIATES OF HUNGER STRIKE AND WILL SEEZ TO ORGANIZE PRESSURE ON GOA TO RELEASE TIMERMAN.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY CONFIRMATION THE EMBASSY MAY OBTAIN OF TIMERMAN HUNGER STRIKE. NEWSOM
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