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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 SEEK 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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