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TIMERMAN RELEASE REPORTED IMMINENT BY HIS FAMILY

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1. EX-LA OPINION EDITOR JACOBO TIMERMAN'S RELEASE APPEARS TO BE "IMMINENT" ACCORDING TO HIS SON HECTOR WHO MET WITH EMBASSY OFFICER ON OCTOBER 14. THE FAMILY HAS BEEN "DELUGED" WITH CALLS FROM OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL SOURCES THE LAST FEW DAYS ADVISING THEM THAT TIMERMAN WILL SOON BE RELEASED. THESE SOURCES INCLUDED BOTH ARMY AND NAVY OFFICERS CLOSE TO VIOLA AND MASSERA. HECTOR TIMERMAN REPORTED THAT HE WAS RECEIVED WITH "SPECIAL DEFERENCE" BY THE MORENO PRISON WARDEN (WHERE TIMERMAN IS BEING HELD) WHEN HE VISITED HIS FATHER.

2. IF AND WHEN TIMERMAN IS ~~LIBERATED~~ <sup>FREED</sup> THE FAMILY PLANS FOR HIM TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY WITHIN A FEW DAYS OF HIS RELEASE AND REMAIN ~~XXXX~~ ABROAD FOR AT LEAST A YEAR, TRAVELING FIRST TO THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE BEFORE

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GOING TO ISRAEL. TIMERMAN AGREES WITH THIS PLAN.

3. THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL INVESTIGATING TIMERMAN HAS INFORMED HIM THAT NO SUBVERSIVE CHARGES WILL BE FILED AGAINST HIM. THIS DECISION, WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC, CAME AFTER TIMERMAN TESTIFIED FOR 13 HOURS ON SEPTEMBER 29. AS A RESULT, HE CAN EITHER BE TURNED OVER ~~TM~~ TO THE CIVIL COURTS FOR PROSECUTION OF "ECONOMIC CRIMES", HELD UNDER STATE OF SIEGE EXECUTIVE DETENTION OR RELEASED OUTRIGHT.

4. TIMERMAN ~~KEK~~ WAS RETURNED TO BUENOS AIRES THIRTEEN DAYS AGO. HIS FAMILY AND HIS RABBI HAVE BEEN ABLE TO VISIT HIM. HE IS BEING WELL TREATED AT MORENO PRISON.

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# Memorandum

TO : POL - Mr. William Hallman  
THRU: PAO - Mr. John R. Higgins *A*  
FROM : AIO - Michael O'Brien *MOB*

DATE: October 3, 1977

SUBJECT: Military Tribunal Clears Timerman of Subversive Charges

A preliminary military tribunal informed ex-La Opinion Editor Jacobo Timerman that there are no subversive charges against him. The decision, which has not yet been made public, came after Timerman testified for 13 hours on September 29. As a result, he must now be turned over to the civil courts for prosecution of "economic crimes" or released outright. A final decision on this is expected shortly. According to one source, the Jewish community feels he will soon be released. In any case it now appears that he will not have to face an official military tribunal.

Hector Timerman reported that his father was returned to Buenos Aires a week ago. The family visited him here October 2. He also reported that the tribunal asked his father if he was Patricia Derian's cousin. Hector added that Timerman doesn't expect to get the paper back. He claims he doesn't want it back but does want to leave Argentina ASAP.

cc: Chargé

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September 16, 1977

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Allen Harris, Esquire  
Political Officer  
American Embassy  
Buenos Aires

Dear Tex:

I'm enclosing a letter which was directed to Patt Derian, bucked down the line to Ollie Jones, then routed to me. And thus to you. We aren't sure what to say, considering that so much time has passed since it was written.

Could you please write or call Hector Timerman and tell him that we do care, that his father has been the topic of much high-level concern, and that Patt Derian sends them (father and son) all her best. Please do this only if you feel it is the correct thing to do.

Take care.

Sincerely,

James N. Bumpus

Enclosure: As stated.

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