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E.O. 11652:  
TAGS:  
SUBJECT:

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TimermanWrites Embassy Officer from Jail

ACTION:

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INFO:

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1. In a handwritten letter to the USIS Press Officer, ex-La Opinion Editor Jacobo Timerman ~~proposes~~ proposes that Secretary Vance ask President Videla to let him leave the country on the Secretary's plane. Timerman says that "certainly Videla couldn't refuse." The letter was taken (or possibly smuggled out) of the prison by Timerman's son Hector. That the Embassy has received this letter should be carefully protected information.

2. Complete text follows:

Quote: November 15, 1977, As of today I've been a prisoner for seven months.

Querido Mike:

AMB  
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