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SUBJECT: SENATOR PERCY LETTER TO PRESIDENT MAGANA

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER RECEIVED IN THE DEPARTMENT ON MAY 20.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I AM PLEASED TO LEARN THAT YOU WILL BE VISITING THE UNITED STATES IN MID-JUNE. I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND FOR YOU TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, WHO, AS YOU KNOW HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN YOUR COUNTRY CLOSELY.

COULD I ASK A FAVOR OF YOU? SEVERAL MONTHS AGO I WROTE YOU ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE U.S. SENATE TO INQUIRE AS TO THE STATUS OF SEVERAL JOURNALISTS THEN BEING HELD UNDER TERMS OF DECREE 506. THROUGH OUR AMBASSADOR YOU INDICATE THAT YOU WOULD MAKE SPECIAL INQUIRY INTO THESE CASES IN THE COURSE OF REVIEWING THE STATUS OF DECREE 506 AND THE PROPOSALS FOR AMNESTY THAT WERE AT THAT TIME BEING DRAFTED.

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I WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO GIVE ME AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE SEVERAL CASES I MENTIONED WHEN YOU VISIT. I BELIEVE IT WOULD HAVE A VERY POSITIVE IMPACT IF I WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WITH AN UP-TO-DATE REPORT DURING YOUR VISIT. WARM REGARDS, CHARLES H. PERCY, CHAIRMAN, END TEXT.

3. THE THREE JOURNALISTS REFERRED TO IN THE LETTER ARE FRANCISCO RAMIREZ AVELAR, VIDA CUADRA HERNANDEZ AND MANUEL DE JESUS GONZALEZ ALVARADO. SENATOR PERCY WILL INQUIRE ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE AFOREMENTIONED DURING THE UPCOMING VISIT OF MAGANA IN JUNE. SHULTZ

**REVIEW AUTHORITY: Marvin Russell, Senior Reviewer**

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