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## House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

July 23, 1990

Colonel Rene Emilio Ponce Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Estado Mayor San Salvador EL SALVADOR

Dear Colonel Ponce:

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These individuals will be bringing gifts of food and humanitarian aid, including school supplies, medicines and miscellaneous supplies to these communities. In addition, this group will participate in religious and civic ceremonies with the residents of these communities.

We are pleased with the efforts of these individuals to provide resources and friendship to the people of these communities in El Salvador. Representatives of sister city communities in Massachusetts will meet and learn about their sister communities. We look forward to being personally briefed about their trip upon their return.

We sincerely hope that you will do whatever is necessary to assure that this group obtains the necessary military permission to travel to these communities.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation. We hope that this year will bring peace to your country.

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