

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 16, 1998

President Fidel Castro Ruz
President of the Republic of Cuba
Havana, Cuba

Dear Mr. President:

We write to request the immediate and unconditional release of Vladimiro Roca Antunes, Marta Beatriz Roque Cabello, Rene Gomez Manzano, and Felix A. Bonne Carcases. One year ago today these four individuals were detained and have been held since pending investigation for counter-revolutionary activities.

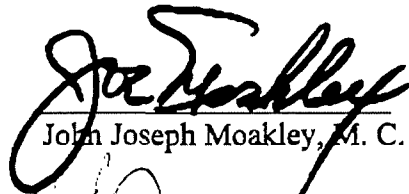
The detention of these dissidents without trial strongly suggests they are being held simply because they advocate peaceful political change. We believe such imprisonment is unjust. When you invited Pope John Paul II to Cuba and broadcast all of his outdoor masses live, you demonstrated a willingness to let dissenting views be heard on the island. The release of these four individuals would be in keeping with that spirit.

We note further that your willingness to release these four prisoners of conscience can have only a positive impact on relations between our two countries.

Sincerely,



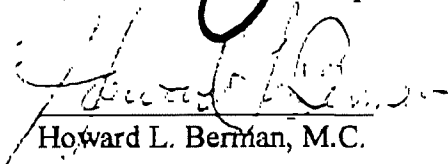
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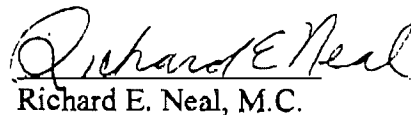
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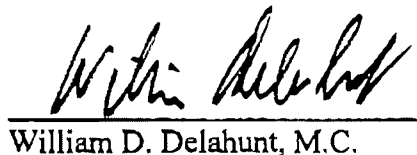
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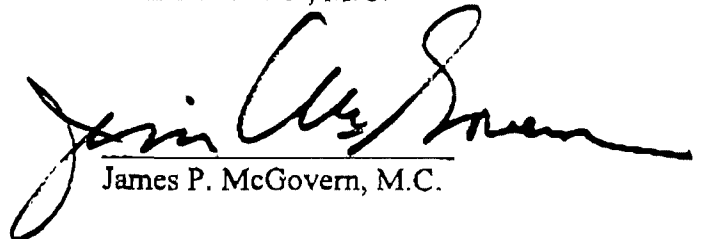
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