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H. E. Dr. Francisco Bertrand Galindo
Ambassador of El Salvador
2308 California Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I write concerning the arrest on April 22 of Professor Ruben Ignacio Zamora, a member of our sister Justice and Peace Commission, and his colleague at the Catholic University, Professor Eduardo Colindres.

I cannot imagine on what charges Messrs. Zamora and Colindres could have been arrested, although certain allegations have been advanced. I am assured by completely reliable sources that these allegations are false and that there is reason to fear for the safety and well-being of both men.

I would be grateful if you would transmit to the appropriate authorities in San Salvador this expression of deep concern on the part of this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Bryan Hehir".

Rev. J. Bryan Hehir
Associate Secretary

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