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October 24, 1991

The Honorable George Bush
President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Bush:

Almost four weeks have passed since soldiers within the Haitian military illegally and violently ousted the democratically elected President of Haiti, Jean-Bertrand Aristide. This extralegal provisional regime has only the undignified company of Cuba in stifling democracy in this hemisphere.

The Organization of American States (OAS) has responded prudently to the crisis in Haiti, refusing diplomatic recognition to the illegitimate regime and calling on its Members to take steps to isolate Haiti economically and politically. In its resolution of October 2, 1991, the OAS requested that Member states "proceed immediately to freeze the assets of the Haitian State and to impose a trade embargo on Haiti, except for humanitarian aid."

We welcomed your Executive Order 12775 of October 4, 1991, in compliance with the first part of the above OAS request, but a U.S. embargo has yet to be declared. The cancellation of oil deliveries to Haiti by Mexico and Venezuela are crippling Haiti's economy. At best, Haiti's oil supply will last only through the first week in November. Fuels for cooking, such as kerosene, may run out in a matter of days. Like their Soviet counterparts were in August, these coup plotters not only are immensely despised, but also stand on very shaky ground.

We understand that a trade embargo must be very carefully planned and implemented, but believe the time has come for swift and resolute action by the U.S. We encourage you to promptly enact a U.S. embargo on Haiti, exempting humanitarian aid, as the OAS resolution requests. We must not allow the thugs currently in power ~~neither~~ to further plunder the Haitian economy ~~and~~ *nor* to oppress the Haitian people any longer.

Thank you for your kind attention and prompt consideration.

Sincerely,