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Hon. William Lehman.

Honorable

Because we know how much you care and how much you work on behalf of freedom and democracy, we are writing you this letter asking once again your urgent intervention. The reason this time is the critical situation of three Cuban political prisoners that have been in Castro's prisons for over twenty (20) years. Their names are:

MARIO CHANES DE ARMAS  
ERNESTO DIAZ RODRIGUEZ and  
ALFREDO MUSTELIER NUEVO.

Mario Chanes de Armas, who participated in the Granma expedition, was arrested in June, 1961. He has been in prison for over 28 years.

Ernesto Diaz de Armas, poet and painter, was arrested in April, 1968. He has been in prison for over 21 years.

Alfredo Mustelier Nuevo was arrested in November 1969. He has been in prison for over 20 years.

One of these three political prisoners, Alfredo Mustelier Nuevo, has decided to start a hunger and thirst strike taking into consideration that the present Cuban legislation states that the maximum prison sentence is 20 years, and because they have already passed this legal limit. The purpose of this strike is to demand to the Cuban government their immediate release, in virtue of their own legislation.

We all are aware of the fact that the totalitarian castro-communist system does not respect any principles nor any legal statutes. We know that the cruelty of this regime will fall upon these human beings that are languishing in prison. Only an urgent and constant international campaign might save the lives of these democracy and freedom fighters.

Due to your high level of responsibility, you may make it possible that this just demand does not turn into another holocaust!

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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THOSE WHO FIGHT. LIVE: THOSE WHO CONTEMPLATE. VEGETATE

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