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Adjunto a Ud. fotocopia de Telex enviado por Peter Galliner, Director del International Press Institute, en donde muestran preocupación por situación de periodistas procesados.

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THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS INSTITUTE IS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT THE ARREST OF JUAN PABLO CARDENAS, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF 'ANALISIS', ALFONSO STEPHENS, COLUMNIST WITH 'ANALISIS' AND JUAN ANDRES LAGOS, EDITOR-IN-

CHIEF OF 'EL SIGLO'. WE ARE ALSO INFORMED THAT GUILLERMO TORRES, 'EL

SIGLO'S' GENERAL EDITOR FACES DETENTION. BOTH MR. CARDENAS AND MR. LAGOS HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH SEDITION AND SENTENCED TO JAIL AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL FOUR JOURNALISTS FACE CHARGES RELATING TO VARIOUS

ARTICLES UNDER MILITARY INVESTIGATION OR FOR ARTICLES ALREADY DEEMED TO HAVE VIOLATED THE LAW.

WE BELIEVE THAT

THESE CASES ARE A VIOLATION OF PRESS FREEDOM AND JOURNALISTS' RIGHT TO 'SEEK, RECEIVE AND IMPART INFORMATION AND IDEAS' AS GUARANTEED BY ARTICLE 19 OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THE INSTITUTE, REPRESENTING LEADING JOURNALISTS, EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD URGES THAT SENTENCES ON

MR. CARDENAS, MR. LAGOS, AND MR. STEPHENS BE QUASHED AND OUR COLLEAGUES RELEASED IMMEDIATELY.

WE FURTHER URGE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT DO ALL WITHIN THEIR POWER TO ENSURE THAT MILITARY-COURT CASES SUCH AS THESE ARE DROPPED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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