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Dear Mr. President:

I understand the concern expressed in your message of April 29, and appreciate the spirit of frankness and honesty it represents. I shared, and continue to share, your concern over the Dominican Republic problem.

Since that time, the Organization of American States has been working to determine the best way to resolve the tragic situation in the Dominican Republic. I know that my Ambassador in Caracas has been in frequent contact with you and your Foreign Minister concerning this problem.

We both, I am sure, are equally dedicated to the tasks of finding a viable solution to the immediate problem in the Dominican Republic and of strengthening the Inter-American system so that it can be responsive to these new kinds of problems which the Hemisphere faces. In these tasks, working together in friendship and sincerity, we must be successful if our citizens are to look forward to a future of peace and freedom.

I hope that we may continue a frank correspondence on this and any of the other problems troubling the Hemisphere.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Raul Leoni
President of the Republic of Venezuela
Caracas

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