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Mr. Gregorio Selzer
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Dear Gregorio,

I read with surprise the article which you wrote for the May 27 edition of El Dia because a veteran journalist, such as you, should not produce a piece so full of errors. Given the fact that you were in Washington you could easily have consulted with me by phone to get my views and check the facts about Timerman and Nicaragua. Jacobo Timerman credits ADL with having played a major role in his release from jail in Argentina. When he came to this country and began receiving awards from many organizations. He said at one of the ceremonies, "Now that I am out of jail, many organizations are showering me with awards and recognition. However, when I was in an Argentine jail only the ADL gave me an award." See the enclosed for some additional information.

I am also enclosing copies of the article which appeared in the ADL Bulletin in 1983 plus the text of the speech which I and a member of the Nicaraguan Jewish community gave at the White House last year. I would urge you to read these two documents carefully and see if you then still believe that which you wrote. The COHA report, on which you based your article, unfortunately is little more than a rewrite of that which the Central American Historical Institute said last year. Given the fact that CAHI is linked to the government of Nicaragua, it was not objective in its statement.

I fully respect everybody's freedom to express their opinion, but I always expect basic integrity and respect for truth.

Sincerely yours,

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