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Dr. Alfredo Buzaid  
Ministro da Justica  
Espl. dos Ministerios, bl. 10  
Brasilia, D.F.  
Brazil

Dear Dr. Buzaid:

I am writing to express my concern about the situation of Prof. Luis Basilo Rossi.

According to reports circulating in this country, Prof. Rossi was unjustly arrested on February 15 and has been held incommunicado since that time. Even the efforts of Prof. Rossi's wife and of Mons. Koop, Bishop of Lins to learn of his whereabouts and condition have been fruitless.

I presume that this illegal action took place without your knowledge or acquiescence but I know that it has been called to your attention long before now. All who are concerned for the good name of Brazil and all who are committed to making our world a more just and humane one urge you to do all in your power to free Prof. Rossi and others who have been unjustly imprisoned.

Yours in peace and justice,

Rev. Frederick A. McGuire, C.M.  
Director