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General Juan Velazco
President of the Republic of Peru
Palacio de Gobierno
Lima, Peru

Dear Mr. President:

The trial of Ricardo Gadea and his companions has caused alarm among us over the safety of these defendants. Part of this concern has arisen because your courts are also trying Enrique Amaya, who is missing, although he was in the custody of the Peruvian police on April 21, 1967. His disappearance and now his trial, to put it most mildly, seem quite irregular, and we have seen no satisfactory explanation anywhere for his present whereabouts.

We add our voices to the rest of world opinion which has expressed similar anxiety. We trust that you are conscious of your responsibility for the safety of these men. Any harm to Mr. Gadea or his companions can only serve to brand the rulers of Peru as people who do not respect civilized norms of conduct.

Respectfully,


Richard Garza