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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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Dear Dr. Hector:

I have been pleased to make inquiry with the Department of Justice, Office of the Pardon Attorney, concerning prospects for a Presidential pardon for Mr. Rafael Ochoa Ayala, in whose interest you contacted me.

Enclosed herewith is the copy of a letter I have now received from Mr. Reed Cozart, Pardon Attorney. In the light of paragraphs 2 and 3 of Mr. Cozart's letter, I genuinely regret that there would appear to be no prospect of obtaining relief in this case by means of a Presidential pardon.

As a further attempt to explore all avenues of relief, I contacted the Subcommittee on Immigration of the House Judiciary Committee, related the facts of this case, laying heavy emphasis on reference to Mr. Ayala's American citizen wife and eleven American citizen children, and inquired as to whether private relief legislation waiving all pertinent provisions of law and permitting Mr. Ayala into the United States for permanent residence could be secured. Dr. Hector, regretfully, I must advise that the Committee informs me that it does not look favorably upon private relief bills in cases involving convictions for violation of the narcotics law whereby the offense includes conspiracy, acquiring and transferring, as is true of the subject case. Consequently, the Committee advises that they have not approved nor is there precedence for favorable action on a private bill under these circumstances.

In view of the foregoing, I know of no further course of action, legal or administrative, whereby relief may be obtained in this case which would permit Mr. Ayala's return to the United States. Particularly because of the compelling family circumstances and

because of the personal interest you have expressed, I wish it were possible for me to advise you more favorably on this matter.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Young

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