

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Dr. Garcia:

The President has asked me to convey his gratitude for your thoughtful appeal on behalf of the U.S. hostages being held in Iran. Your expression of support at a critical time has done much to assist the President in dealing with this crucial issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Esteban E. Torres". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and a stylized "T".

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