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December 9, 2002

Hipolito Acosta, District Director Immigration and Naturalization Service 126 Northpoint Drive Houston, TX 77060

Re: Roger Calero

Dear Ms. Acosta:

I am writing to request that you promptly drop exclusion proceedings against Roger Calero and that pending any decision to terminate proceedings, he be released on bond into the United States. Mr. Calero is a long-time resident of the United States, married to a U.S. citizen. The facts of his prior conviction involving marijuana is well known to the INS and was known at the time his permanent residency was granted. To detain and seek to exclude Mr. Calero at this time is a violation of his human rights, profoundly unfair, and appears to be motivated by political retaliation given his status as a journalist for *Perspectiva Mundial*.

I urge you to personally review this matter and act promptly to correct this injustice. At the least, Mr. Calero should be able to reunite with his family and be released on bond while this matter is resolved by the Immigration Courts.

The National Lawyers Guild is an organization of over 5,000 law students, attorneys, and legal workers, many of whom are active in the field of immigration. I will continue to monitor the status of this matter and hope that you will act promptly to reverse the actions taken against Mr. Calero.

Sincerely,

Bruce D. Nestor, President National Lawvers Guild

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