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

December 11, 2002

Dear Mr. Acosta:

We protest the Immigration and Naturalization Service's detention of Roger Calero, the associate editor of *Perspectiva Mundial* magazine and a staff writer for the *Militant* newsweekly, and a permanent resident of the United States for the past 12 years. The INS detention of Calero at Houston International Airport on December 3 and its attempt to revoke his permanent residence status are an attack on his right to work as a journalist in this country, and on the rights of everyone.

We protest the INS move to exclude Calero from the United States while he was returning home from a reporting assignment at international conferences in Havana, Cuba, and Guadalajara, Mexico.

We demand the INS immediately release Roger Calero, drop its effort to deport him to Nicaragua, and allow him to resume his residence and work in the United States.

Sincerely,

Susan Severin, President

cc: *Perspectiva Mundial* ✓