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THE CITY CLERK

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139 • (617) 498-9017

January 31, 1986

Sr. Presidente de la Corte Suprema
Dr. Luia Maria Argana
Palacio de Justicia
Asuncion, Paraguay

Re: Remigio Gimenez Gamarra

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A., at its meeting of Monday, January 27, 1986, with regard to the treatment and imprisonment of Remigio Gimenez Gamarra.

Your kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the City Council.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

PEH/mh

cc: Ambassador Marcos Martinez Mendieta

Enclosure: City Council Order #8 of 1/27/86



City of Cambridge

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COUNCILLOR SAUNDRA GRAHAM

IN CITY COUNCIL
January 27, 1986

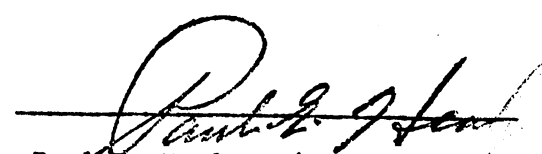
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In City Council January 27, 1986.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-


Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.



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Mr. Paul R. Fulton
1 Merrill Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Fulton:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the resolution as adopted by the City Council on Monday, January 27, 1986 with regard to the imprisonment of Remigio Gimenez Gamarra in Paraguay and a copy of the letter of transmittal to Dr. Luis Maria Argana.

Your very kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

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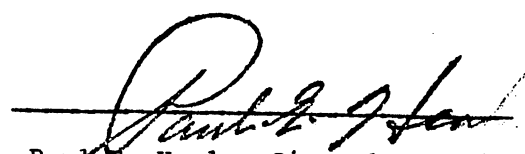
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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
CITY HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 USA

January 20, 1986

Ambassador Marcos Martinez Mendieta
Embassy of Paraguay
2400 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20008

RE: Remigio Gimenez Gamarra

Your Excellency:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A., at its meeting of January 20, 1986, with regard to the treatment and imprisonment of Remigio Gimenez Gamarra.

Your kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the City Council.

Very truly yours,

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

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ACTION****Amnesty
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UA office • P.O. Box 1270 • Nederland, CO 80466-1270 • 303 440 0913

International Secretariat • 1 Easton Street • London WC1X 8DJ England

UA 01/86 Hunger-strike/Legal Concern 2 January 1986
Paraguay: Remigio Gimenez Gamarra, aged 63, former farm worker and shoemaker

Amnesty International is concerned about the health of Remigio Gimenez Gamarra, a political prisoner in Paraguay, who has been on hunger strike since 13 December 1985. He is reported to be in a very poor state of health and has said that he will refuse liquids from 7 January 1986 and that he will continue the hunger-strike until he is either released or dies. According to reports, he is being visited by a doctor once a day.

Remigio Gimenez Gamarra, who although born in Paraguay is now a naturalized Brazilian citizen, has not been adopted by Amnesty International as a prisoner of conscience, his case continues to be investigated. There are, however, concerns about legal aspects of the case pending against Remigio Gimenez. In particular, Amnesty International is concerned about delays in the legal proceedings against him, that he was held in unacknowledged detention for 16 months, and without charge for three years, that he was reportedly tortured in detention and that information extracted under torture may have been used in evidence against him, and about other legal irregularities in the case.

Remigio Gimenez has been in detention now for seven years (three years without charge) and is still awaiting sentence in the Penitenciaría Nacional de Tacumbu (Tacumbu prison) in Asuncion for crimes allegedly committed between 1958 and 1960. He was arrested in Brazil in December 1978 and transferred to Paraguay without any judicial proceedings. After three years he was charged with murder, robbery, drug trafficking, smuggling and "being a leader of a clandestine subversive communist organization in 1959". The statute of limitations on some of the alleged offences with which he has been charged should have expired in 1982. Although Remigio Gimenez was given assurances that trial would be concluded first in November and then in December 1985, the judge considering his case has still failed to give his ruling.

A state of siege has been virtually permanently in force in Paraguay since 1929. It has been renewed every 90 days by the government of President Stroessner for the last 31 years.

Recommended Action: appeals should be sent in a private capacity
telegrams/airmail letters:

- expressing concern about the health of Remigio Gimenez Gamarra while on hunger-strike and requesting that he be given adequate medical supervision
- expressing concern that he has spent seven years in detention without being sentenced and that although he was assured that there would be a ruling on his case by the end of November 1985 there has still been no ruling
- urging a prompt resolution to his case, according to international standards for a fair trial

Appeals to:
Sr. Presidente de la Corte Suprema
Dr Luis Maria Argana
Palacio de Justicia
Asuncion, Paraguay

-Salutations-
-Your Excellency-

Copies to: Ambassador Marcos Martinez Mendieta
 Embassy of Paraguay
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 Washington DC 20008

Please send appeals as soon as possible. Please check with the Colorado office between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM if sending appeals after 2 February 1986.

Amnesty International is an independent worldwide movement working for the international protection of human rights. It seeks the release of men and women detained anywhere because of their beliefs, color, sex, ethnic origin, language or religious creed, provided they have not used or advocated violence. These are termed prisoners of conscience. It works for fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners and works on behalf of such people detained without charge or trial. It opposes the death penalty and torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment of all prisoners without reservation.

VOTED:

That the attached Resolution be and it hereby is adopted and that it be forwarded by the City Clerk to the following persons:

RE: Remigio Gimenez Gamarra

TO: Sr. Presidente de la Corte Suprema
Dr. Luis Maria Argana
Palacio de Justicia
Asuncion, Paraguay

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Paul R. Huston

1 Merrill Street

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Order #8

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C. Graham order re: resolutions calling on
Paraguan officials to seek a prompt & fair
resolution of the case of Remigio Gimenez
Gamarra.

*Transmittal letter sent to Paraguayan Supreme
Court President Dr. Luis Maria Argana with
copy to Paraguayan Ambassador to the U.S.*

*2/4/86.
Transmittal letter sent to Paul Ruffen/Amnesty
Inter.'1) 2/4/86 mb (copies within)*

In City Council,

January 27, 1986

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Adopted -9-