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The Honorable William P. Rogers
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have received from Mrs. Robert H. Mattoon, Jr., of Ann Arbor, Michigan, concerning the imprisonment in Brazil of Dr. Caio Prado of Sao Paulo, who apparently is serving a five-year prison sentence for his "subversive activity."

You will note that Mrs. Mattoon fears that Dr. Prado's health and age would make it unlikely that he could survive such a prison term. I realize that it would be difficult for our diplomatic representatives in Brazil to attempt any intervention in such a case. On the other hand, it seems to me that there might be reason for at least an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding Dr. Prado's imprisonment. Should our Embassy personnel feel that there is the slightest excuse for raising the matter with the Brazilian government, I hope very much that representation will be made.

I would appreciate your comments on this particular case and on the general political scene in Brazil.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Fulbright
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