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The Honorable David M. Abshire
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Abshire:

I would appreciate any information the Department may have with respect to the case of Mr. Augusto Boal, the prominent Brazilian theatre director who was apparently arrested in Sao Paulo on February 10. I have had many inquiries about Mr. Boal from his friends in New York.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Church

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Honorable Frank Church
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Church:

I have received your letter of May 20 requesting information about Brazilian theatre director Augusto Boal.

Mr. Boal was placed under arrest in early February by Sao Paulo security officials on suspicion of collaboration with a terrorist organization in disseminating abroad defamatory reports on the Brazilian Government. According to our Consulate General in Sao Paulo, a military court in that city found Mr. Boal innocent of the charges and he was released from custody on April 28. His plans at the time were to join his theatre group on tour in Europe. Mr. Boal said that he had not been mistreated during his confinement.

Please continue to call on me whenever you believe I may be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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David M. Abshire
Assistant Secretary for
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