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President Barack Obama
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Dear Mr. President Obama,

By this we join again those numerous monthly letters from renown authors, actors, politicians, activists and individuals from your own country and from all over the world who are urging you to pardon all of the Cuban Five:

Gerardo Hernández Nordelo
Ramón Labañino Salazar
Antonio Guerrero Rodríguez

except of René González Sehwerert, who – after having completed his unjust sentence - in last May was allowed to spend his remaining probation time in Cuba after having revoked his US citizenship.

Concerning Fernando González Llort, who – after having completed his unjust sentence – was released from prison on February 27 and deported to Cuba on February 28.

When asked by Cuban bloggers what he would say, if he could talk to you, Mr. President Obama, Fernando González answered the following:

“If I could talk to the President, I would ask him to take an unprejudiced look, in his capacity as former professor of Constitutional Law, at the evidence in our case and the views that renowned and prestigious US and foreign jurists have expressed about it; to make an unbiased reading of the amicus briefs that more than ten Nobel prizewinners submitted to the Supreme Court; to try to make, as a former community activist, an impartial evaluation of the reality of life in Cuba, where I’m convinced he would see that many problems he worked so hard to solve in the streets of Chicago in his younger days have already been solved. He would see how hard our people work to have an ever more just society and realize that’s what the Five were defending.”

“I would tell him that, as a politician, he should review history, the same history he has often times urged us to forget, and see how Cuba has been forced to deal with over 50 years of aggression, and in many cases violent attacks, organized in Miami with no action whatsoever on the part of the authorities in charge of preventing them. Hence the need for what the Five were doing.”

“May he reach his own conclusions after looking at the whole issue from these three angles and, if he manages to do so objectively, I’m sure the four of us would join René in Havana the following day.”

Dear Mr. President, you may have heard already of the planned hearing of the case of the Five by an International Inquiry Commission on next March 7 – 8 in London and about its famous endorsers not only from Europe, but also from your country and from all over the world,

inclusively those in- numerous unknown persons so far having hoped for justice in this case in vain.

Again referring to your own words on occasion of the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King's March on Washington: Yes, **we can keep marching**, but **you can use your prerogative right to pardon the remaining three of the Cuban Five in US prisons**, just for having come into the United States for the security of their country – unarmed – for preventing further terrorist attacks against their compatriots, under your law in "Defence of Necessity".

In a shared network of millions of people around the world, including those of Cuba, the **UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, Amnesty International, experts on international law, well-known lawyers from your own country and from all over the world, parliamentarians and dignitaries of Church, eleven Nobel-Prize winners** we are respectfully urging you to put an end to this injustice.

Mr. President, we are waiting for your humanitarian gesture, as a sign of your honesty. Please, let all of the "Cuban Five" go home immediately to their loved ones in Cuba. Yes, you can!

Thank you very much for your appreciated attention in advance
Yours sincerely,

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