

March 22, 1983

State Representative John Cosgrove
19 West Flagler Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Representative Cosgrove:

My name is Myriam Bosch Eisner. I am an American citizen of Cuban descent and have lived in Miami for 22 years.

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of an urgent situation in Caracas, Venezuela involving my father and to enlist your support to help save his life which is in imminent danger.

My father's name is Dr. Orlando Bosch. He is extremely well known to the entire Latin community for his life long sacrifice in the Cuban fight against communism. He has been in prison in Caracas, Venezuela since 1976. Although accused of being involved in the bombing of a Cubana airline's jet in Barbados in 1976, he was absolved of guilt after a four year Military trial ending in 1980. However, in clear violation of due process and civil rights, he has remained incarcerated in what appears to be a political stalemate.

Between 1980 and 1982, the Marshall Court of Venezuela has postponed the passing of sentence on my father 19 times even after officially promising to do so in television and newspaper interviews. Since the case has been in Marshall Court, there have been three changes of state attorneys, each change requiring the inevitable delay for the entire 1,807 page file to be reviewed. The last change of state attorney was in December 1982.

Enclosed please find a more descriptive background of the events and delays written by my father in January 1983.

In June 1982 my father began a hunger strike which lasted one month. It was in an effort to pressure the Venezuelan government to free him based on his acquittal or re-try him if new evidence existed. The Minister of Defense, Division General, promised final judgment by October 1982. That promise was disregarded as were all the previous ones.

As a result of that hunger strike, my father's health deteriorated dramatically.

In February 1983 my father's wife, Adriana Delgado Bosch, in submitting the enclosed two page petition outlining the trial and subsequent events, appealed before the United Nations and the organization of American states to intervene and help try to resolve the injustice against my father. The intervention, if it comes at all, may be too late to save my father's life.

On March 17, 1983 my father convinced there was no other way to draw attention to his plight, began another hunger strike.

As a result of this event, the Venezuelan government has placed my father in isolation, refusing to allow his doctors and even his wife to see him. It is apparent that the Venezuelan government wishes to suppress all facts and circumstances surrounding my father's final strike for justice.

The Miami Latin community staunchly supports my father and is cooperating in the efforts to draw international attention to this travesty of justice.

I appeal to your sense of compassion, human rights and judicial process to intervene so that my father, a hero to the Cuban exiles in America and the cause of freedom, need not die in vain.

Please accept in advance, my deepest gratitude for any intervention in this matter that may result from your efforts.

If I may assist you further, please contact me at my home number, 305-858-7036, or work number, 305-448-4600.

Respectfully yours,

Myriam Bosch Eisner

:enclosure



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Tallahassee

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Dear Miriam -

We finally received a "formal" response. I've been tied up in Tallahassee but following events with great interest and concern.

I wish there was more I could do - your friendship means a lot to me. Please let me know if I can help in any manner.

My best to Mike - he is a good protector for you!

Best Regards -
John

DANTE B. FASCELL
19TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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April 27, 1983

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The Honorable John Cosgrove
416 House Office Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear John:

Enclosed, for your information, is
the response I have received from the State
Department to my inquiry regarding Dr. Bosch.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



DANTE B. FASCELL
Member of Congress

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Enclosure



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 22, 1983

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CONGRESSMAN
DANTE B. FASCELL

Dear Mr. Fascell:

Thank you for your communication of March 30, 1983, concerning Orlando Bosch.

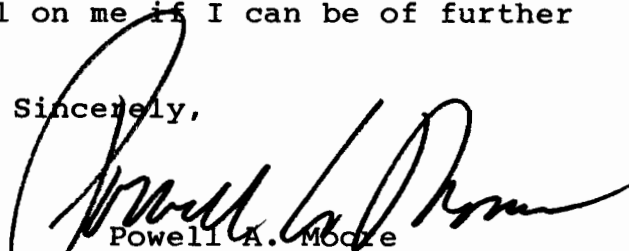
Dr. Bosch and three other Cuban exiles were arrested and tried in the Venezuelan military court system for alleged complicity in the 1976 bombing of a Cuban airliner in which 73 lives were lost. In September 1980, the military prosecutor dropped charges for lack of evidence. The case was then reviewed by the military supreme court, which in late March ruled that it was not competent to consider the case and turned it over to the civil court. Our Embassy in Caracas reports that the case has now been referred to the Venezuelan Supreme Court for a decision on the question of jurisdiction, and that the Supreme Court will make a ruling within thirty days.

Dr. Bosch has initiated a hunger strike in an apparent effort to pressure the court for a decision. We understand that he is under treatment at a military hospital in Caracas, but that his health is extremely poor. Dr. Bosch has gone on a number of similar hunger strikes during his years of incarceration.

We believe that it would be inappropriate for the U.S. Government to intervene with the Government of Venezuela on Dr. Bosch's behalf since the matter is under active consideration by Venezuelan judicial authorities.

I hope this information will be of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to call on me if I can be of further help to you.

Sincerely,

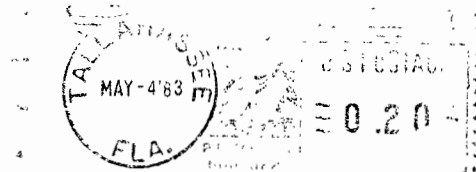


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