Lisbon, December 5, 1979

Dear Madame Prime Minister:

I have the honor to transmit to you the following message from the President of the United States Jimmy Carter:

"Dear Madame Prime Minister:

I want to express my deep appreciation for your forthright and courageous statement of November 20, rejecting the violation of diplomatic immunity as a legitimate or justifiable mode of conduct in international affairs. I share your belief that trials or condemnation of the hostages held in Tehran would seriously prejudice peace and security and hope that the effect of representations such as yours will lead to their release and repatriation.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Carter"

Accept, Madame Prime Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Bloomfield

Ambassador

Her Excellency
Madame Maria de Lourdes Pintasilgo,
Prime Minister,
Republic of Portugal,
Lisbon.

