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Dear Sir and Madam:

We are deeply concerned for the safety of **Arnulfo Aguilar**, Director of Radio Uno, who was recently attacked outside his home in San Pedro Sula.

On the evening of April 27, when he arrived home after presenting a radio show in which a Wikileaks cable was mentioned that implicated the Honduran Armed Forces in arms smuggling activities, eight to ten individuals, some of them masked and armed, tried to block his path to the house. He managed to enter and lock himself inside. He immediately phoned the police for assistance, but a patrol unit arrived only an hour later, after the attackers surrounding his house had left. He also called the Committee of Relatives of the Disappeared in Honduras (COFADEH), who tried to contact senior police officials including Oscar Alvarez, the Minister of Security, but were unable to get a response.

Since the attack, there have been reports of shots fired in the vicinity of Arnulfo Aguilar's house. He has not been able to return to his home because there are no security measures in place to guarantee his safety.

Since the coup d'etat of June 2009, Radio Uno has been active in informing the public about human rights violations and the role of the armed forces. There have been several threats and attacks to the media workers which they have reported to the authorities. However, authorities have not contacted Arnulfo Aguilar to discuss concerns about the security of Radio Uno staff.

Ten journalists were assassinated in Honduras during 2010. Because we believe that Arnulfo Aguilar's life is at risk, we **strongly urge** you to:

- take immediate steps to fully provide appropriate protection to Arnulfo Aguilar, in accordance with his wishes.
- conduct an independent, thorough and impartial investigation into the attack on Arnulfo Aguilar and demand that the perpetrators be brought to justice.

Sincerely,

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The following people hereby urge you to take action on this matter as indicated in this letter: