

notes for remarks for Tex Harris

I AM SO HONORED BUT I HAD GREAT HELP

MY DEEPEST THANKS TO:

MY MOM - FOR THE CATHOLIC VISION TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

MY BRIDE JEANIE & MY THREE GREAT CHILDREN - FOR YOUR LOVE AND
CONSTANT SUPPORT &

AND TO A GREAT HRTS TEAM, INCLUDING -

- MADRES DE LA PLAZA DE MAYO WHOSE SCARVES BECAME A SYMBOL OF INJUSTICE AROUND THE WORLD
- 1000S OF FAMILY MEMBERS WHO CAME TO THE EMBASSY
- BLANCA VOLLENVIEDER - KEY ASST
- THE ONLY TWO INSIDE THE EMB WHO SUPPORTED MY WORK - FBI LEG ATT BOB SHERRER & LABOR ATT TONY FREEMAN
- EMILIO MIGNONE & OTHER BRAVE ARG NGO LEADERS
- RABBI MARSHALL MEYER - WHOM I COULD CRY WITH
- THE PRESS - BOB COX OF THE BSAS HERALD, KAREN DEYOUNG & CHUCK KRAUSE - WP & JUAN DE ONIS - NYT; AND SCORES OF JOURNALISTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD
- NGO LEADERS - MIKE POSNER HRTS 1ST + MORTON ROSENTHAL ADL + JOE ELDRIDGE & JO MARIE GRIESGRABER @ WOLA
- MEMBERS OF CONGRESS & THEIR STAFFS IN BOTH HOUSES
- PATT DERIAN & MARK SCHNIEDER IN NEW HRTS BUREAU
- DEPUTY SECY WARREN CHRISTOPHER WHO MADE THE RIGHT DECISIONS
- AND A GEORGIA PEANUT FARMER, JIMMY CARTER, WHO CHANGED AMERICA'S FOREIGN POLICY FROM STRICT ANTICOMMUNISM TO A BROADER AGENDA, INCLUDING HUMAN RIGHTS.

THIS GREAT FREE WHEELING TEAM WORKED TO BRING THE HORRORS OF THE DESAPARCIDOS TO THE WORLD'S CONSCIOUSNESS

AND ADDED A NEW PERMANENT DIMENSION TO DIPLOMACY - HUMAN RIGHTS
WHEN I ENTERED THE FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1965, DIPLOMATS DID NOT
DISCUSS BILATERALLY THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER NATIONS, WE DID
ONLY FOREIGN AFFAIRS - INTL TRADE, TREATIES, AIRPLANE LANDING
RIGHTS, ETC = ACTIONS BETWEEN STATES.

ARGENTINA'S HRTS HORRORS HELPED CHANGE THAT LIMITED ROLE.

ARGENTINA'S HORROR IS A RELEVANT LESSON FOR TODAY OF HOW NOT TO
FIGHT TERRORISM.

THE MIL JUNTA BEFORE THE COUP, 37 YEARS AGO, CAREFULLY FORMULATED
AN ANTI TERRORIST DOCTRINE BASED ON THE FRENCH MILITARY'S
PRACTICES IN ALGERIA AND VIET NAM.

KIDNAP, TORTURE FOR THE NAMES OF ACCOMPLICES, THEN KILL - ALL DONE
CLANDESTINELY

BUT THE ARGENTINES EXTENDED THEIR TARGETING BEYOND TERRORISTS,
TO INCLUDE "SUBVERSIVES."

A 601 ARMY INTELLIGENCE AGENT TOLD ME THAT TO KILL THE CANCER OF
COMMUNIST TERRORISM THAT WAS THREATENING WESTERN CIVILIZATION,
ONE HAD TO CUT OUT NOT ONLY THE INFECTED CELLS, BUT ALSO THE
SUPPORTIVE SURROUNDING TISSUE - THE "SUBVERSIVES."

THAT THEY DID -- SECRETLY MURDERING OVER 14,000 PERSONS, THE
"DISAPPEARED" DURING THEIR REIGN OF TERROR.

THE WORLD, MOVED BY THE TESTIMONY OF THE MOTHERS AND OF
REPORTERS, LIKE MYSELF, REACTED IN ANGER AND DISGUST TO ADD HUMAN
RIGHTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL AGENDA.

A NATION IS NOW JUDGED INTERNATIONALLY ON HOW IT TREATS ITS OWN
CITIZENS. SETTING A NEW DIPLOMATIC STANDARD FOR HRTS.

I WAS THE DIPLOMATIC MID FIELDER, PASSING THE INFORMATION FROM THE
DEFENSELESS VICTIMS' FAMILIES TO THE POLICY MAKERS WHO WERE THE
FORWARDS, WHO PRESSURED THE JUNTA TO END THE KILLINGS AND
CHANGED INTERNATIONAL POLICIES AND PRACTICES TO ADVANCE THE
CASCADE OF JUSTICE FOR ALL. WE SCORED SOME GOALS.

BUT THE KEY LESSON MUST REMEMBERED - NUNCA MAS!