

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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April 4, 2024

President Joseph R. Biden Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

The Honorable Antony Blinken  
Secretary of State  
Department of State  
2201 C Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear President Biden,

We, the undersigned members of Congress, write to respectfully request your support and consideration in declassifying documents pertaining to the Brazilian dictatorship period, which lasted from 1964 until 1985. As this week marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the military coup in Brazil and we celebrate the bicentennial of U.S.-Brazil relations, we emphasize that transparency and historical understanding are crucial components of fostering strong international partnerships.

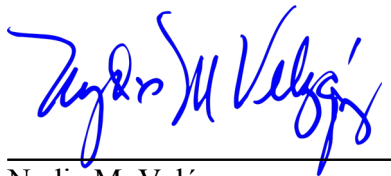
In August 2023, the United States government took a commendable step in declassifying documents related to Chile, fostering a broader understanding of historical events and encouraging accountability. We believe a comparable endeavor concerning Brazil is both timely and necessary. The declassification of documents related to the Brazilian dictatorship period will not only enrich historical knowledge but also fortify the United States' commitment to democratic values and human rights.

In response to significant historical milestones and the precedent established by the release of documents related to other regional nations, a group of Brazilian human rights organizations launched a campaign advocating for the declassification of documents pertaining to the country's dictatorship period. We are including below a list of thirteen documents that have been carefully selected by these groups from Brazilian civil society as a priority for declassification. These documents are believed to contain valuable information that will contribute to a thorough understanding of the events that transpired during the Brazilian dictatorship.

As we strive to foster open dialogue and strengthen the ties between our nations, we believe that declassifying these documents will demonstrate our dedication to transparency, justice, and the advancement of democratic principles. By doing so, we can contribute to healing historical wounds and ensuring that the lessons of the past guide our efforts toward a shared future founded on democracy and human rights.

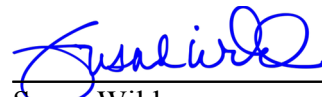
We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your leadership in promoting transparency and accountability in the interest of our enduring partnership with Brazil.

Sincerely,



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Nydia M. Velázquez  
Member of Congress



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Susan Wild  
Member of Congress



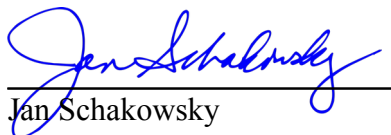
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Barbara Lee  
Member of Congress



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Greg Casar  
Member of Congress



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Jan Schakowsky  
Member of Congress



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Jesús G. "Chuy" García  
Member of Congress



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Rashida Tlaib  
Member of Congress



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Pramila Jayapal  
Member of Congress



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Joaquin Castro  
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Jamaal Bowman, Ed.D.  
Member of Congress



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Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr.  
Member of Congress



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James P. McGovern  
Member of Congress



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Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez  
Member of Congress



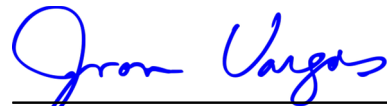
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Raúl M. Grijalva  
Member of Congress



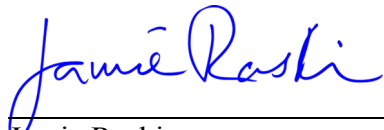
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Cori Bush  
Member of Congress



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Juan Vargas  
Member of Congress



Jamie Raskin  
Member of Congress

**Annex I - List of documents for declassification.**

Document Title	Collection	Box Number	Folder	Subject
<a href="#">São Paulo 212 Withdrawal</a>	NARA	Box Number 1943	POL 38-30	Mar 30, 1964, "From São Paulo"
<a href="#">Rio 2114 withdrawal</a>	NARA	Box Number 1943	POL 38-31	March 30, 1964, "National Security Info"
<a href="#">Rio 2121 withdrawal</a>	NARA	Box Number 1943	POL 38-29	Mar 31, 64, "National Security Info"
<a href="#">Brasília 131 Withdrawal</a>	NARA	Box Number 1943	POL 23-9 Rebellion. Coups. BRAZ 4/1/64	April 1, 64, "National Security Info"
<a href="#">Rio 2143 withdrawal</a>	NARA	Box Number 1943	POL 23-9 Rebellion. Coups. BRAZ 4/1/64	April 1, 64, "National Security Info"
<a href="#">Rio 2128 withdrawal</a>	NARA	Box Number 1943	POL 23-9 Rebellion. Coups. BRAZ 4/1/64	April 3, 64, "National Security Info"
<a href="#">Systematic review withdrawal card no. POL35-6</a>	NARA	Box Number 1933	POL 35-6	April 4, 1964, "National Security Info"
<a href="#">Golpe Withdrawal</a>	NARA	Box Number 1943	POL 23-9 Rebellion. Coups. BRAZ 4/1/64	Apr 4, 64, "National Security Info"
<a href="#">Systematic review withdrawal card no. POL35-5</a>	NARA	Box Number 1933	POL 35-5	April 6, 64, "National Security Info"
<a href="#">Systematic review withdrawal card no. POL35-4</a>	NARA	Box Number 1933	POL 35-4	April 8, 64, "National Security Info"
<a href="#">Systematic review withdrawal card no. POL35-4</a>	NARA	Box Number 1933	POL 35-4	April 8, 64, "National Security Info"
<a href="#">Systematic review withdrawal card no. POL35-3</a>	NARA	Box Number 1933	POL 35-3	April 8, 64, "National Security Info"
<a href="#">Rio 2223 withdrawal notice</a>	NARA	Box Number 1944	POL 38-26	April 9, 1964, From Rio