Barack Obama
President of the United States

The undersigned organizations would like to request the immediate and unconditional liberation of Puerto Rican independence leader Oscar López Rivera, who has been incarcerated since 1981 in the United States and has received an unjust sentence of 70 years in prison.

Oscar López Rivera, at 73 years of age, is the oldest political prisoner in the history of Puerto Rico and Latin America, and has already served 35 years in prison, accused of seditious conspiracy for his participation in the Puerto Rican independence movement.

Oscar López Rivera was never accused of hurting anyone or participating in a violent crime -- only of fighting for the freedom of his country.

The struggle of Oscar López Rivera was supported by the UN Special Committee on Decolonization, which approved by consensus a resolution that reaffirmed the inalienable right of the Puerto Rican people to free self-determination and independence.

Furthermore, the Special Committee on Decolonization called upon “the president of the United States to release, without delay, and for humanitarian reasons, political prisoner Oscar López Rivera, who had served more than 35 years in a United States prison.”

Last year, various heads of state who attended the annual meeting of the General Assembly of American States proclaimed that Oscar “is the Nelson Mandela of Latin America.”

Mr. President, Oscar López Rivera’s sentence is excessive and unjust, and for that reason we are raising our voices for his freedom.
Yours sincerely,

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