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Sent via certified mail and facsimile

Dear Ms. Hunt:

I am writing as counsel on behalf of the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES) in response to your letter dated January 9, 2008 to Mr. Burke Stansbury, the Executive Director of CISPES.

Your letter expresses concern that CISPES might be required to register pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Specifically, you refer to "published accounts in The Washington Post and numerous online sources, including your organization's public web page..." We have endeavored to review the material that you reference and see no basis for considering CISPES to fall under the obligations of FARA.

Your office asserts that the Farabundo Marti Liberation Front (FMLN) or its candidate for presidential office has "hired [CISPES] for the purposes of conducting a public relations media campaign to include political fundraising" and also requests that CISPES provide "a copy of your organization's written contract, or a full description of the terms and conditions of each existing or proposed oral agreement your firm may have with the FMLN." CISPES has not been hired to carry out such activities, is not receiving funds from the FMLN nor fundraising for its political candidate, and there are no such responsive materials.

We trust that this resolves this matter. Please feel free to contact me should you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


Mara Verheyden-Hilliard