April 15, 1993

Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel
Bastbakanlik
Ankara, Turkey

Dear Prime Minister Demirel:

On behalf of the International Law Section of the District of Columbia Bar, I appeal to you in regard to the murder of attorney Metin Can, who was killed in February 1993. As you no doubt know, Mr. Can was chairman of the Elazig branch of the Turkish Human Rights Association (HRA).

I would urge you to undertake a thorough investigation into this murder, and that of Dr. Hasan Kaya, killed with Mr. Can and also a member of the HRA.

The members of the International Law Section of the District of Columbia Bar share a common concern that the rule of law be observed around the world, with the individual rights of all persons both respected and protected by their governments.

Yours truly,

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