The following documents describe the history of the *Filartiga* litigation. These documents include litigation filings from *Filartiga v. Pena-Irala*. They also include communications between the U.S. Embassy in Asunción, Paraguay and the U.S. Department of State. The documents were compiled from various sources, including the Center for Constitutional Rights, the *Centro de Documentacion y Archivo* in Asunción, Paraguay, the Special Collections Department of the University of Virginia Law Library, the Special Collections Division of the University of Washington Libraries, and the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration. Several documents were acquired through Freedom of Information Act petitions to the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Justice. The documents have been formatted for consistency, and obvious errors have been corrected. Spanish language documents were translated.
MARCH 30, 1976: PARAGUAY

Police Summary of Crime Scene

DERLIS HUGO DUARTE ARREDONDO*

Paraguayan, married, 25 years old, incarcerated at the moment in the National Prison, charged in this Capital with an alleged murder, born in Asuncion on November 23, 1953, son of PEDRO BONIFACIO DUARTE, Attorney at Law, and of SARA ARREDONDO DE DUARTE, Pharmacist, all domiciled in Carlos Antonio Lopez Avenue, between 25 and 26 (Sajonia).

EDUCATION: Elementary: Escuela Dante Alighieri of this Capital; Secondary: Colegio Cristo Rey of this Capital from 1965 to 1972; University: From 1973 to 1975, Third Course of Medicine.

MARRIAGE: Married in 1974 with a local girl from Barrio Sajonia named MARIA DEL ROSARIO VILLALBA FERNANDEZ (then 15 years old). They have a five year old son: DERLIS HUGO DUARTE (m), who ended up in the custody of the paternal grandparents.

PARENTS-IN-LAW: NERY FELIPE VILLALBA, Paraguayan, carpenter, domiciled at the moment behind a school known as Escuela de Cuatro Nojon, and JUANA MANUELA FERNANDEZ, divorced before DERLIS became their daughter’s boyfriend. They have four children: Three boys and a girl. The mother-in-law is in a common-law marriage with Principal Inspector AMERICO PENA since a long time ago, the date of which DERLIS does not know.

BACKGROUND: At the end of 1975, in order to continue with his studies in this Capital and to look after his wife and son who were under the care of Derlis’ parents at that time, that he immediately looked for employment to not depend on his parents anymore, and that he managed to get a job as a cashier of the Hotel Guarani where he remained until the day of the perpetration of the crime (March 30, 1976).

JOEL FILARTIGA: who lived with his sister DOLLY since a long time ago, being supported with the help of his father and Captain SPERATTI, who provided them with supplies and other sorts of help. He was 17 years old at the time of his death.

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* Document located in the Centro de Documentacion y Archivo, Asunción, Paraguay. Translated from Spanish by author.