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This is a copy of a letter written to Father Santiago Tamayo. It has no date, and it was never sent to Fr. Tamayo:

Tamayo,

What the fuck are all of you doing? Why haven't I recieved any help from you? I've been here 4 months already. That should have been 4 times that you've sent me money. But so far I have nothing. I'm tired of worrying about how I'll pay the medical bills and how I'll have enough to eat and support the baby. All this has gone too far. I'm close to falling in a state of depression. There are times that I cry all day without any reason. And this is dangerous especially when it comes time to deliver. Ask any doctor and you'll see that it does affect the delivery. But you shits are all comfortable in your homes thinking that you have nothing to worry about. Well you have something to worry about. I've had a lot of time to think and what you did to me was cruel. It shouldn't have to happen to any girl. You've ruined my life. I'm close to being the same as a prostitute. I would have been happy staying a virgin all my life. In fact thats what I wanted. But I was too young and stupid when I let you have intercourse with me. I never thought things would go this far. And now I'm pregnant and I blame you for this. And you better start doing something to help me or else I'm going home. And for the baby's own safety I'm going by August. I don't have to put up with your shit any longer. I'm here because hell will be raised with you when people find out how I got pregnant. But if you won't help me then I won't help you. You just better have a good explanation to give to my parents before they see me 7 months pregnant. I really don't want to do it that way but you leave me no choice. I refuse to stay here where so many things can go wrong. And if something does go wrong it will still be hell for you. Imagine explaining to my mother that I died during childbrith. Don't think it's an exaggeration. Bleeding without stopping is common after delivery. And around here they don't have enough blood to save some people. I've already seen two people die from lack of blood. And its especially hard to get the type of blood I need here. All this plus the fact that even if they could get my type of blood I could not afford it thanks to your carelessness.

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