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DR. BISCET IS MOVED FROM HIS ISOLATION CELL AND REFUSED TO BE EXAMINED BY A GROUP OF MEDICAL DOCTORS, INCLUDING PSYCHIATRISTS. DR. BISCET REFUSED TO BE FILMED AND INTERVIEWED BY THE CUBAN STATE ATTORNEY AND PRISON GUARDS, TO WHOM HE TELLS: "DOWN WITH THE CASTRO DICTATORSHIP"

The Lawton Foundation for Human Rights (www.lawtonfoundation.com) which Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet, prisoner of conscience, presides over, was informed that on October 21, 2004 Dr. Biscet was moved out of isolation and placed into a "cellular" cell. He is now housed with a Cuban US resident who is serving time for human trafficking.

Elsa Morejon Hernandez, wife of Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet, was given only 48 hours notice that she would be allowed to visit with her husband. Dr. Biscet's parents were also present. The visit lasted only two hours and comes after months of being denied his family and marital visits.

On October 12, Dr. Biscet refused to be examined by the medical doctors, informing them they were not worthy to examine him, as they were aware of the human rights violations within the prison and doing nothing to stop them. He was then taken to another room where there was a Cuban state attorney who coerced Dr. Biscet to sign an affidavit of the questions they were going to ask him and they attempted to film the interview with a video camera. This is in violation of article 58 of the Cuban communist constitution.

Dr. Biscet replied: "Down with the Castro Dictatorship."

Dr. Biscet had been placed in isolation ten days prior for placing slogans in his cell denouncing the human rights violations of the Castro dictatorship.

The Lawton Foundation for Human Rights remains firm in its position of demanding the liberation of Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet and of all the Cuban political prisoners. This is the mission of Dr. Biscet and the Lawton Foundation for Human Rights, and of all the Cuban people who stride for freedom and democracy in Cuba.

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