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Dear Mr. President:

Hello! I hope that this letter finds you in good health. I apologize that I cannot write this letter in Spanish, as the only languages I speak are French and English. My name is Heidi Vanstone. I am a Canadian, living in southwestern Ontario.

I am writing to you today to express concern about a few things. Being the president, I felt that you were the most appropriate official to write to. Did you know (I'm sure you did!) that 1992 is being marked in several countries as the 500th anniversary of the arrival of the Europeans on our continent? It would seem to me then, that this is a very timely occasion to express and highlight concerns with respect to unresolved cases of human rights abuses and violations. One of these is the case of Nelson Wladimiro Curiñir Lincoqueo. While I am always concerned about the disrespect of anyone's human rights, his case especially worries me.

Although Nelson Wladimiro Curinir Lincoqueo died in 1973, I still think it is an extremely important priority to establish a clear investigation and inquiry into the extrajudicial execution of this man.

I really do hope that the full truth will be brought out into the open and that those people responsible for his death be brought to justice. This must be the case with all human rights violations committed in Chile. Only by doing this can further recurrences be avoided. In my opinion, the amnesty law of 1978 presents only a roadblock to clarifying past abuses and ensuring they never happen again. The law, therefore should be repealed!

Thank you for your time; I sincerely appreciate it. I am much desirous to hear from you on this matter and others mentioned above.

I eagerly await your reply.

Yours, I remain, Heidi Vanstone.