

July 13TH, 1492

Sr. Patricio Aylwin Azocar, President Palacio de la Moneda Santiago, Chile

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing in respect to the amnesty law, now in effect in Chile, which absolves all political crimes committed between eleven September, 1973 and ten March, 1978. The law is currently being used to close investigations about abuses that occurred before 1978, prior to the discovery of the facts or the establishment of the responsibility for the reign of terror that then existed.

Specifically, it's estimated that near a thousand people "disappeared," and over a thousand individuals were executed or died due to torture.

Much of this terror was directed at the indigenous peoples in Chile. One case, that of Nelson Wladimiro Curinir Lincoqueo of the Mapuche Indians has received widespread publicity.

Therefore, I urge you to seek the repeal of this law, so thorough investigations and prosecutions may occur for all human rights violations committed during this four and a half year period. Doing this will help prevent a recurrence of this kind of human tragedy.

Cordially,

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