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February 8, 1992

President Aylwin Republic of Chile Fax: (56-2) 697-3262

Dear President Aylwin

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I am writing to you as the Executive Director of WILD, the International Campaign of the Western Canada Wilderness Committee, a Canadian non-government organization which has recently been recognized by the Canadian government as the outstanding environmental group of the year. Our group is active in research and education regarding the importance of protecting both biological diversity and traditional, sustainable cultures, in Canada and world-wide.

Based on the Pacific coast of Canada, with forests and an ecology strikingly similar to that of your country, we feel a special kinship with the people of Chile. We particularly appreciate the concerted efforts of your government to positively resolve conservation issues in your country.

Of great concern to us, however, is information that we have recently received regarding proposed changes to forestry legislation in your country. We feel that the proposed changes will endanger the work done by your a criment to resolve outstanding issues regarding the forests in the northern region of Chile. We would humbly request that you reconsider this proposed legislation which will remove these forests from their present protected status. We, too, struggle with such decisions and are working with our government to create a comprehensive land-use strategy which will provide both wilderness areas and sustainable employment opportunities for the future of all British Columbians. We know all too well the impacts of ill-planned development to both our economy and our forests. We urge you to consider the effects of the proposed legislation on your ability to provide a viable, sustainable economy and wilderness heritage for all Chileans.

Also of particular concern to us are the Pehuenche people of the Quinquean. It is our sincere hope that you will recognize the right of the Pehuenche to the lands they have inhabited for generations and acknowledge their contribution to Chile as stewards of your national tree, the Araucaria.

We recognize and appreciate your government's concerted efforts to positively resolve issues that were long ignored by previous governments in Chile. We appreciate your regard to this letter and eagerly await your reply.

Sincerely

Executive Director, WILD Campaign

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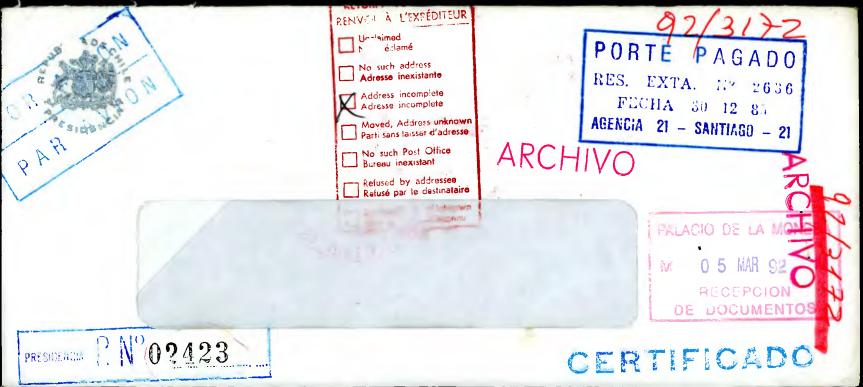
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