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24<sup>th</sup> October '92

FOR THE ATTENTION OF:

Sr Patricio Aylwin Azócar  
Presidente de la República de Chile  
Palacio de la Moneda  
Santiago  
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Your Excellency

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I am very concerned about the many human rights abuses against Mapuche Indians during the years of military rule in your country.

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Your Excellency,

I am writing to you to express my concern about the immunity to prosecution granted to those members of your armed forces who were involved in human rights violations between 11th September 1973 and 10th March 1978. This law of 1978 is allowing many who were responsible for gross atrocities against innocent civilians to escape justice.

I am particularly concerned in this instance about the atrocities perpetrated against the indigenous populations of your country. The abduction and murder of Nelson Wladimiro Curiñir Lincoqueo provide an example of these abuses. He was a Mapuche Indian and an activist in the Communist Party, and was taken from his home in October 1973 by heavily armed men in air force uniforms. They informed his family that he was being taken to the Maquehua air force base. Officials subsequently assured his family that he would soon be released. On 18th October 1973 however, it was reported that he had escaped during transfer to Temuco prison, and that orders had been given for his capture, dead or alive. I understand that witnesses have testified that Nelson Curiñir was taken from the air force base in Maquehua in the early hours of 13th October 1973.

In 1990 a Mapuche Indian reported that Nelson Curiñir's body had been found and buried near Temuco in late 1973. Following an investigation by your National Commission of Truth and Reconciliation, his body was exhumed and identified in November 1990; he had been shot in the back of the head.

Your law of 1978 is preventing the killers of Nelson Curiñir from being brought to justice, and this is true for the cases of many others who were murdered between 1973 and 1978. I appeal to you Your Excellency to recognise the importance of bringing those responsible for atrocities during this period to trial. This should hopefully discourage others from engaging in such abuses. To this effect, I urge you to repeal the amnesty law of 1978.

Finally I would respectfully request that you do all in your power to protect the interests of all the indigenous peoples of your country. I urge you to recognise their rights to their lands and way of life.

Yours sincerely and respectfully,

*Mark Curtis*

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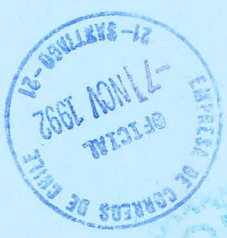
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Excmo Sr.D. Patricio Aylwin Azocar  
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Excelentísimo señor:

Re: NELSON WLADIMIRO CURINIIR LINCOQUEO

Me dirijo a usted para manifestarle mi preocupación por la protección de los Derechos Humanos. Como usted sabe, 1992 marca el quinientos aniversario de la llegada de los europeos a ese continente. Es por tanto el momento más indicado para señalar los casos de violación de Derechos Humanos llevados a cabo contra la población indígena, y en concreto el del Sr. Nelson Wladimiro Curiñir Lincoqueo.

Nelson Curinir, Indio Mapuche de 22 años, estudiante en la Universidad Técnica del Estado de Temuco, fue secuestrado en su casa por un grupo de hombres armados el 5 de octubre de 1973 y conducido a la base aérea de Maquehua de donde desapareció.

En noviembre de 1990, los jueces decretaron la exhumación del cadáver. Un indio Mapuche declaró haber encontrado el cadáver de Nelson en la ribera del río Cautin en 1973 y que había sido enterrado como "NN" en un cementerio cerca de Temuco. La autopsia reveló que Nelson había muerto de un tiro en la nuca. Los responsables de esta ejecución, acogidos a la ley de amnistía, nunca fueron juzgados.

Nelson Curiñir es sólo uno de los 100 casos de Indios Mapuche investigados por la comisión Nacional de Verdad y Reconciliación y según sus informes, los Mapuche fueron tratados con una crueldad extrema a raíz del golpe de 1973

Me preocupa que Chile, país que desde 1990 cuenta con un gobierno electo de civiles, no haga pasar por los tribunales a los oficiales que decretaron y ejercieron la violación de Derechos Humanos. Es muy de agradecer la investigación llevada a cabo en el caso de Nelson y confío que se aclaren los hechos del mismo y que los responsables de su asesinato sean juzgados. Esta misma actitud debiera adoptarse en todos los casos de violación



de Derechos Humanos habidos en Chile, para evitar que estas atrocidades se vuelvan a cometer jamás.

A mi modo de ver, la ley de amnistía de 1978 constituye un auténtico obstáculo para el esclarecimiento de los abusos cometidos en el pasado, así como para prevenir su posible repetición. Por esto le ruego encarecidamente sea derogada la mencionada ley.

Es gracia que espero alcanzar de Su Excelencia. Con los debidos respetos le saluda,

Nanny Brett (Mrs)

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cc: Organización Mapuche Ad Mapu, Temuco  
cc: Comisión Chilena de Derechos Humanos, Temuco  
cc: Excmo. Sr. German Riesco, Embajador Extraordinario  
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Sr. Patricio Aylwin Azócar  
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Dear Sir,

As a member of Amnesty International which campaigns on behalf of non - violent prisoners of conscience the world over I am writing about the case of NELSON WLADIMIRO CURINIR LINCOQUEO, a 22 - year - old Mapuche Indian. He was an activist in the Communist party who was taken away to Temuco prison and was never seen alive by his family again! He had been taken out of the air force base in Maquehua by members of the air force in the early hours of 13 October 1973. And that was the last time that anyone saw him alive.

We welcome certain investigations into his killing and express hope that the full truth will emerge and that those responsible for his death will be brought to justice. Amnesty International believes that the Amnesty law of 1978 constitutes an obstacle to clarifying past abuses and preventing their recurrence and that the law should therefore be repealed. We are very concerned about the violation of anyone's HUMAN RIGHTS. 1992 is being marked in a number of countries as the 500 th. anniversary of the arrival of Europeans on the continent. It therefore seems a particularly appropriate time to highlight concerns with respect to unresolved human rights violations against indigenous peoples of what is now called the Americas.

Amnesty International is also concerned about the continuing delays in the trials of more than 50 prisoners arrested before March 1990 and charged with politically motivated offences. Torture continues to be reported and A.I. also continues to campaign for the abolition of the death penalty in Chile. Our concern will not diminish when 1992 is over. YOURS ETC. L.C. Adams



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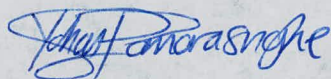
Dear Sir,

RE: Violations against human rights

I am writing this short letter to commend and welcome the investigations into the killing of Nelson Wladimiro Curinir Lincoqueo. I was gravely concerned about his extrajudicial execution in 1973. I hope that now the truth will emerge about his death, and that those who are responsible will be brought to justice. Such killings occur on a worldwide scale, and Nelson was just one grain of sand in a desert of such incidents. However, it seems an appropriate time to write to you, since this year 500 years ago the Europeans landed in the Americas and displaced a number of the indigenous peoples of the continent; people such as Nelson Wladimiro Curinir Lincoqueo. As a supporter of Amnesty International I feel that justice must prevail, in order to prevent such atrocities occurring again. For this to occur the Amnesty law of 1978 needs to be repealed as well.

Thank you for your kind time and patience. I wish you success for the future and tranquility for your beautiful country.

Yours Sincerely



Mr Y P Samarasinghe



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*Your excellency,*

*I am writing on behalf of Amnesty International, an international organisation concerned with the violation of human rights. As this year, 1992, is the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Europeans on the continent it seems an appropriate time to highlight concerns about unresolved human rights violations against indigenous peoples of the Americas. This brings me to express grave concern about the extrajudicial execution of Nelson Wladimiro Kincoques in 1973. Kincoques was taken away by men dressed in air force uniform and never seen by his family again.*

*I welcome the investigations into his killing and hope that the full truth of his killing will emerge and that those responsible for his death will be brought to justice. This must happen not only with this specific case but with all such human rights violations committed in Chile to prevent such atrocities occurring again. Finally, I would like to stress that Amnesty International believes that the amnesty law of 1978 is an obstacle to clearing up past abuses and the law should therefore be repealed.*

*Yours' sincerely*

*Grant A. Sugden*



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Your Excellency.

My name is Ronan Conroy and I am writing to you in concern with the human rights abuses against the indigenous peoples of your country in particular during the period military rule. I would like to congratulate you on the investigation which have been carried out so far into case such as that of Nelson Wladimir Curinio Lincoyones who was murdered by Air Force personnel in 1973. I would urge you to ensure that those responsible for this crime be brought to justice. I would also ask you to note that Amnesty International believes that the amnesty Law of 1978 constitutes an obstacle to clarifying past abuses and preventing their recurrence and that the Law should therefore be repealed. especially in this year the 500 anniversary of the discovery of South America

Yours Sincerely  
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