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Sr Patricio Aylwin Azocar  
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Dear Mr President:

As a member of Amnesty International, I am always concerned about the violation of anyone's human rights. Since 1992 is being marked in a number of countries as the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Europeans on the continent, it 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, including the case of Nelson Wladimiro Curinir Lincoqueo. This concern will not diminish when 1992 is over.

I have grave concern about the extrajudicial execution of Nelson Wladimiro Curinir Lincoqueo in 1973 and welcome the investigations into his killing. I hope that the full truth will emerge and that those responsible for his death will be brought to justice.

Amnesty International believes this must happen with respect to this and all human rights violations committed in Chile in order to prevent such atrocities from recurring. 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constitutes an obstacle to clarifying past abuses and preventing their recurrence and that the law should therefore be repealed.

I look forward to receiving your reply,

Yours Sincerely,



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