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Dear President Aylwin:

Today I appeal to you on behalf of RAFAEL ESCORZA HENRÍQUEZ. With much relief I heard about your admirable decision taken on 26 August 1992 when you commuted the death sentence against MAURO GONZÁLES QUISPE, RENÉ LARICO AGUILAR and LISBERT FAUSTO MAMANI MORALES to life imprisonment. However, it concerns me that RAFAEL ESCORZA HENRÍQUEZ was sentenced to death in the first instance on 21 August 1992 on charges of asociación ilícita terrorista in the case of the kidnapping of Cristián Edwards. Mr President, I urge you to make use of your power of clemency in order to commute this death sentence into life imprisonment.

Moreover, I would like to express my opposition to the death penalty and therefore urge you to take the necessary steps so as the death penalty in Chile may be abolished soon. This act would ensure long-term respect for the human rights of all people, regardless of nationality, which the death penalty clearly violates.

On behalf of RAFAEL ESCORZA HENRÍQUEZ and all the people in the world concerned with the violation of the human rights I would like to thank you for your help.

Sincerely

Daniela Hafner