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Sr Carlos Bascuñán Edwards,  
Jefe de Gabinete de la Presidencia  
de la Republica,  
Palacio de la Moneda,

Presente

Estimado Sr Bascuñán,

Me es grato adjuntar el original de la carta dirigida a S.E. don Patricio Aylwin Azocar, Presidente de la Republica de Chile del Primer Ministro de Australia, el honorable Sr. Bob Hawke, de fecha 21 de noviembre del presente.

Atentamente,

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(Malcolm Dan)  
Embajador



PRIME MINISTER

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*My dear President,*

I am writing to you, and to our other colleagues in the Cairns Group, to express my deep concern over the future of the Uruguay Round, to let you know personally of the recent action I have taken in support of the important interests which our countries share, and to emphasise my belief that we must act effectively at this critical juncture in the Round.

As you will be aware, the negotiations on agriculture have reached an impasse due to the completely inadequate EC offer and their unwillingness to negotiate. As a result, the successful conclusion of the whole Round has been placed in jeopardy; it is no exaggeration to say that the Round is now in crisis.

Moreover, I believe that the issues involved at this point are not technical ones but ones which will only be resolved by the exercise of political will and leadership. Therefore, I think that it is imperative that Heads of Government exercise their personal influence to generate renewed momentum in the negotiations. For my part, there is no higher priority issue.

Against that background, I telephoned President Bush last week and we talked at length. He shares our concerns about the impasse in the negotiations on agriculture. The President had already been in contact with EC representatives and has had further discussions with his European counterparts this week.

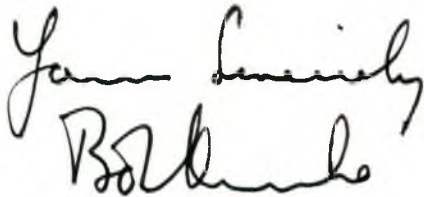
I have also put my views, in very clear terms, to all European Community Heads of Government and to the President of the EC Commission, Mr Delors. I have appealed to European leaders to inject the political will that is necessary to ensure the Round's success, pointing out that failure to do so will impose high costs on all countries.

I believe that it will be crucial to maintain the pressure on the Europeans in the coming weeks. Whatever help you can provide in this area would be very useful at this time.

Notwithstanding the current problems in the Round, I remain hopeful of an eventual successful conclusion to the Round. Our two countries, in concert with other members of the Cairns Group, have achieved much as the new third force in the Uruguay Round.

We must now ensure that our hard won recognition is retained by the continued collective presentation of the Group's position during the vitally important, but testing, times ahead.

I know that my Trade Negotiations Minister, Dr Blewett, is keeping in close contact with your Government. At our level I want you to know that I will always value your views and be happy to work with you in pursuit of our shared interests. Your involvement and your influence can, I believe, play a very important part in establishing the political climate needed to move the Europeans and to open the way for the successful conclusion of the Round.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Llewellyn".

H E Mr Patricio Aylwin  
President of the Republic of Chile  
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