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Sr. Patricio Aylwin,
President of Chile,
Palacio De La Moneda,
Santiago,
CHILE

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Dear Sr. Patricio Aylwin,

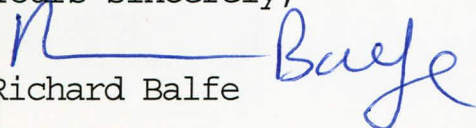
I am writing to protest in the strongest possible terms about the decision of your Government apparently to provide a blanket immunity to all of those who committed crimes during the seventeen years of military dictatorship in Chile. I am disturbed that after such high hopes following the restoration of democracy a blanket immunity has been given covering not only minor crimes, which many of us might agree deserve immunity, but also major breeches of civil and human rights.

I am given to understand that a protest rally lead by former political prisoners was broken up by violent measures recently, I am also concerned to hear that the Association of Relatives of the Disappeared have started an indefinite hungar strike to draw attention to your decision to provide immunity. May I comment that this decision appears to be contradictory to the promises made by your government at the last General Election.

Finally could I ask that in order to restore Chiles good name in the international community you should honour the election promises and bring to justice those who committed the major crimes against the people during the sad years of military dictatorship.

I look forward to hearing from you or your representative.

Yours sincerely,


Richard Balfe



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Estimado señor:

Por encargo de S.E. el Presidente de la República, don Patricio Aylwin Azócar, tengo el agrado de acusar recibo de su atenta carta del 11 de octubre reciente.

Sobre el particular informamos a usted que hemos enviado copia de su carta al Ministerio del Interior, para su consideración y estudio.

Saluda atentamente a Ud.

CARLOS BASCUÑAN EDWARDS
Jefe de Gabinete Presidencial

MARCELO TRIVELLI OYARZUN
Asesor Presidencial

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