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Jamaica House
Kingston

Office of the Prime Minister

11th October, 1993

Dear Mr. President,

I very much regret that due to an exceedingly tight schedule and the additional responsibilities which I have had to resume recently, it is not possible for me to attend the VII Presidential Summit of the Rio Group to be held in Chile, October 15-16, 1993.

I am particularly disappointed, since this is the last occasion on which Jamaica will represent the CARICOM countries. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago will be taking over this responsibility hereafter. My attendance would also have afforded me another opportunity to have an exchange of views with colleague Heads on the several issues which we discussed in Argentina last year. This serves to introduce my personal representative, Dr. the Hon. Paul Robertson, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.

The relations between Jamaica and Chile have certainly developed in recent years, and I wish to assure you that Jamaica looks forward to further deepening of these relations.

I would also like to take this opportunity to commend the Government of Chile, on my own behalf and that of my CARICOM colleagues for the efforts made to facilitate CARICOM's participation in the Rio Group during Chile's tenure as pro tempore Secretariat.

His Excellency
Patricio Aylwin Azocar
President
Chile

I am confident that we can depend on your continued support in the future.

Very best wishes for a successful Summit.

Warm personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) P. J. Patterson
Prime Minister

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