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Dear Mr. Preston:

I have just returned from a visit to Chile, where I spent considerable time on and around the Rio Bio.

The Bio Bio is truly one of the world's greatest natural treasures. Please reconsider your organization's decision to fund the damming of the Bio Bio. Not only will it destroy the River, but it will also wipe out much of the homelands of Chile's already much-oppressed indian population. Are the dams really necessary? Does Chile really need all that electrical power? Have all alternatives less harmful to the environment and to Chile's cultural heritage been fully considered?

I urge you to review this project before it becomes too late to avoid a tragic mistake. I am also sending a copy of this letter to President Aylwin to request his intervention in this situation.

Very truly yours,

Christopher Sanger

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CC:

Presidente Patricio Aylwin

