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October 11, 1991

Mr. Patricio Aylwin  
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Mr. President:

I am writing this letter on behalf of 2,700 members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 38 to express our concerns over the situation of the political prisoners in your country.

Millions of Chileans and people all over the world fought a hard struggle against General Pinochet's reign of terror. Many of them gave their lives for democracy and freedom and others were detained and put in jail. These people deserve the gratitude and respect from all of us who are for democracy and the promotion of the human rights.

After more than a year since your government was elected, hundreds of political prisoners still remain in jail and they recently had to stage a hunger strike to protest this monstrous injustice.

At the same time, many criminals and human rights abusers enjoy freedom and some of them occupy important public positions as is the case with the former members of the Military Junta, headed by Pinochet, who remain in their posts as Commanders in Chief.

We ask your government to release all political prisoners from jail immediately and without conditions. They should be compensated and given support to rebuild their lives and that of their families.

We will regard your government as a democratic one as long as justice is done in the cases of human rights violations perpetrated during General Pinochet's dictatorship. If your government shows willingness to act in this regard you can count our support.

Respectfully,

Peter Marsden  
President



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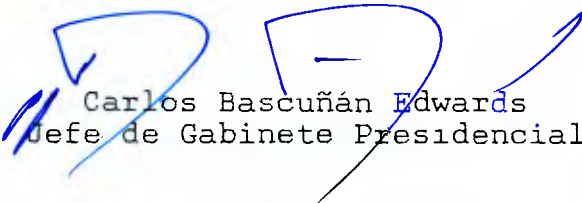
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Estimado señor:

En relación a su carta de fecha 11/10/91, S.E. el Presidente de la República don Patricio Aylwin Azócar ha impartido instrucciones para que ésta sea atendida en la Subsecretaría de Justicia.

Para tal efecto, este Gabinete ha remitido su carta mediante oficio GAB. PRES. 91/0004270 a dicha institución.

Saluda atentamente a Ud.

  
Carlos Bascuñán Edwards  
Jefe de Gabinete Presidencial

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