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I hope you will convey to President Elect Aylwin my deep appreciation for the honor conferred on me by his invitation. Because of an attachment formed many years ago to Chile, her people, and her democratic tradition, I find the peaceful and orderly re-establishment of democracy in your country enormously heartening, and an inspiration and example to democrats throughout the world.

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