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Excelencia,

I am a member of Amnesty International, the worldwide independent and impartial human rights organization. I am writing to express my serious concern at the "disappearance" of José Julio Llaulén Antilao and Juan Eleuterio Cheuquepán Levimilla on 11 June 1974, following their detention by members of the carabineros police in the town of Lautaro. José Julio Llaulén Antilao was a 39-year-old agricultural worker and Juan Eleuterio Cheuquepán Levimilla was 16-years-old at the time. The commission set up to investigate serious human rights abuses - the Comisión Nacional de Verdad y Reconciliación - included in their report the cases of both men, as well as five other Mapuche Indians detained on the same day.

In December 1991, the Appeals Court of Temuco (Corte de Apelaciones de Temuco) ordered the detention of two former carabineros and a civilian for the abduction of José Julio Llaulén Antilao and Juan Eleuterio Cheuquepán Levimilla. I welcome the investigations into the "disappearances" of these two men and hope that those found responsible will be brought to justice. Further, I hope that the investigations into the "disappearance" of the five other Mapuches - Miguel Eduardo Yaufulén Mañil, Jose Domingo Yaufulén Mañil, Oscar Romualdo Yaufulén Mañil, Antonio Ceferino Yaufulén Mañil and Samuel Huichallán Llanquilen - also arrested on 11 June 1974 will lead to clarification of their fate and those found responsible brought to justice.

Full investigations of human rights abuses including "disappearances" are essential not only to inform the relatives about the fate of their loved ones but also to make sure that "disappearances" or similar violations of human rights never happen again. Amnesty International does not take a position about the application of amnesties to those found to be responsible. However, this should never be done in such a way that prevents a full investigation or deprives the relatives of their rights.

I greatly appreciate your time and concern in this very important matter and look forward to the honor of a reply.

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Susan Greenough

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