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February 26, 1993

Mr. Enrique Iglesias
President
Inter-American Development Bank
1300 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20577

Dear Mr. Iglesias:

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I'm writing to ask you to reject the loan application submitted by Endesa for the Pangué Dam project. This request is made for several valid reasons. First, it appears that dam projects already in process and scheduled to come on stream in the near future will be sufficient for Chile's future energy demands.

Secondly, and even more important, the Pangué Dam and its companion projects will have significant, even devastating impact on the native Pehuenche people, the regions threatened species and even Chile's economy.

The Bio Bio is an unique and valuable resource. It truly warrants international protection, and certainly no development in its upper reaches should be allowed to proceed without the informed consent of the native people who rely on it.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

John K. Wallace, Jr. Chairman

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✓cc: Patricio Aylwin
President of Chile
Palacio de la Moneda
Santiago, Chile

What a wonderful trip. I hate to think of it becoming only a sliver of the past!

February 24, 1993

Mr. Lewis Preston
President
World Bank
1818 H Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20433

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