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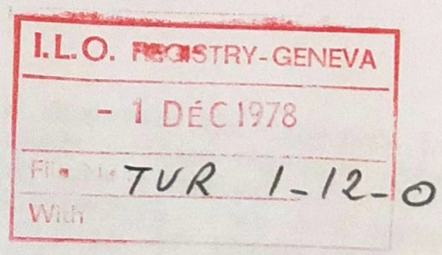
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Mr. Francis Blanchard,
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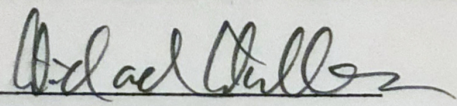
Dear Mr. Blanchard,

It is a matter of grave concern to us that the current state of repression in Chile shows no sign of abating. For example:

- (a) The recent Miners' strike in Northern Chile, which was crushed by the Junta, resulted in over 100 trade unionists being imprisoned.
- (b) In the elections currently taking place, the only eligible candidates are those who have not held an elected position in a trade union before and who have at least five years service in the same job.
- (c) On the 20th October, police and troops raided the offices of seven of the most powerful trade unions in Chile. All property and files were removed and the offices were closed and left guarded.
- (d) There has been no investigation into the fate and whereabouts of the 2,500 disappeared political prisoners in Chile, following their arrest by the DINA.

Supporters of democracy the world over demand to know the true state of affairs in Chile.

Yours sincerely,
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