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His Excellency  
Gen. Augusto Pinochet Ugarte  
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Your Excellency,

it has been brought to my attention that AURELIO de RIO FIGGELKOW, a 23 year old student of philosophy, CHRISTIAN GALAZ, 22 years old, JOSE MIGUEL CARTAGENA and another unnamed person have been arrested on 19th November 1980 in the "Zona Oriente" of Santiago by agents of the "Central Nacional de Informaciones". It is said to be unknown where these persons are held in detention.

I have further learned that PEDRO HENRIQUES, a textile worker, has been arrested on 13th November 1980 by 12 civilian clad men and that a "recurso de amparo" has been placed before your authorities. Apparently your authorities deny the fact of his detention.

I am very much concerned about these detentions and fear that these unfortunate persons are being held in single detention and tortured.

May I please be informed of the whereabouts of these persons and their legal position and request you to release them immediately if a proper charge cannot be filed against them.

May I also request you to ensure that these persons are being treated with all human care and remind you that your country has ratified the "International Declaration on the Protection of all persons from torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment". This should really prevent you from any discriminating and cruel acts against the persons.

Trusting that this letter will find your immediate attention and induce you to act on behalf of the above named persons I remain, Your Excellency,

Yours respectfully

