Chile will be free



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Dear Ambassador,

I would like to express our grave concern at the continued State of Siege in your country. Under this State, thousands of people have been picked up in huge raids, and hundreds of them jailed or sent into internal exile. Opposition journals have been closed down, trade union offices raided and destroyed, and curfews imposed in major cities. These steps are in violation of basic human rights and cannot be justified in a nation not at war. I call upon your Government to lift the State of Siege and to restore human rights and democracy as soon as possible. Signed

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