



Santiago, Chile, November 26, 1998

The Rt. Hon. Jack Straw, MP  
Home Office  
Queen Anne's Gate  
London SW1  
Great Britain

Dear Sir,

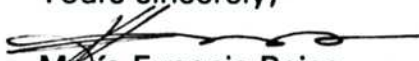
PIDEE Foundation, as a human rights organization has been working for the last 19 years with children, sons or familiar of victims of Pinochet's political repression. In Chile, 182 minors from 0 to 18 years were executed, dead or disappeared between 1973 and 1990. We are extremely pleased by the historical decision of the House of Lords of the United Kingdom which declared Pinochet's arrest as legal on November 25, 1998. This decision is in full conformity with contemporary international law and acknowledges that the official status of an accused individual, whether or not Head of State, does not exonerate him from his criminal responsibility, nor does it constitute a motive for any reduction of penalty.

We hereby address you this letter asking you to respond favourably to the extradition request presented by the Spanish Government. Indeed, the United Nations Convention Against Torture requires the United Kingdom, as State Party, to extradite or judge all persons suspected of acts of torture (articles 5.2, 6.1, 8).

In regard of positive international human rights law and of the gravity of crimes of which Pinochet is accused, no motive, be it political, judicial or humanitarian, should obstruct the extradition procedure.

We are confident that the British Government will duly fulfil its obligations under international human rights law and thereby contribute to the struggle against impunity.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Secretary  
Fundación PIDEE