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THE PRIME MINISTER

5 February 1980

Dear Mr. Jarvis,

Thank you for your letter of 21 January about our relations with Chile.

Our decision to exchange Ambassadors with Chile was taken because we believe it to be right to have Ambassadorial representation wherever possible with states which we recognise and where we have a resident mission. This does not in any way constitute support or approval by Her Majesty's Government for a particular regime or its policies. If that was the case, there would be many countries where Britain would not be represented at Ambassadorial level.

Nor does this decision signify any change in our policy on human rights: we shall continue to condemn violations wherever they occur and the appointment of an Ambassador to Chile will help us to make our views on the matter known there at the highest level.

Yours sincerely  
Robert Delton

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