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Buenos Aires, August 22, 1974

Most Rev. Arthur Michael Ramsey
Archbishop of Canterbury
Lambeth Palace
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Most Rev. Brother in Christ,

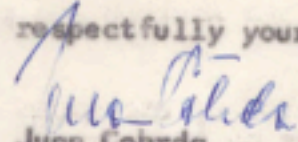
In the name of the Argentine Committee for Refugees I turn to you in order to put before you a problem of ours. It is related to your journey to Latin America and especially with your planned visit to Chile and your meeting with President Augusto Pinochet.

I am convinced that you are well aware of the situation in Chile after September 11, 1973. As a result of this coup, thousands of persons are being persecuted and have had to abandon their country and seek protection in the neighbor countries. The Argentine member churches of the World Council of Churches have organized a Committee under the auspices of the WCC and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and have given help and assistance to thousands, being conscious of the causes of their suffering.

Because of this real conviction of a sad reality we consider that your well-meant visit to the Head of State of Chile could be interpreted as a recognition and approval of his actions, which are in opposition to the human rights.

In the hope that you will understand our anxiety and take it into consideration, I commend you to the protection and guidance of Him, who exceeds all understanding,

Most respectfully yours,


Juan Cobrda
President of CAREF

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cc: Dr. André Appel, Gen. Secr. of the Lutheran World Federation
Rev. Emilio Monti, Gen. Secr. of CAREF ✓