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date 4th October 1978,

Dear Sir,

Fernando Ortiz Letelier

This Association caters for some 70,000 teachers in a variety of Colleges throughout Great Britain and takes an active interest in developments within the teaching profession throughout the world.

We have recently considered reports of teachers being taken as prisoners by the DINA because of their political beliefs and are anxious to trace the whereabouts of one such person namely - Fernando Ortiz Letelier aged 54 years, a former teacher at the university of Chile and a well known historian of your country, who was seen to be arrested on 15th December 1976 and who subsequently "disappeared".

As you may appreciate there is much publicity in this country about the disappearance of political prisoners in Chile and the absence of any statements from the Chilean authorities can only serve to aggravate the situation and increase the animosity that is felt by all those who value human rights and are appalled at reports such as those relating to your country.

It is hoped that in writing to you we will at least encourage some sort of response that will be informative even if this simply attempts to explain circumstances in clearer terms from the point of view of the Chilean authorities. In doing so if you can also provide some information on the above teacher then we would be extremely grateful.

Yours faithfully,

B. Brady
Asst. Secretary (Admin.)

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