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I would hope that Edmund would  
accept that much of the fault lies  
with the Chilean Human Rights Commission,  
which, because of Valery, did not  
give an inch.

March 2, 1987  
JL

To: Dick Schifter

Subject: Meeting: Local Chileans

Claudio Grossman and Eugenio Velasco were glad to accept the invitation to meet with you on March 4 at 4:30, to read our draft Chile Resolution. Hernan Gattierres is in Chile, on home leave. Edmundo Vargas declined with thanks, saying that he had been burned so badly on the New York U.N. experience that he felt it would be better for him to stay away from this exercise. I explained to Edmundo that this would be an informal meeting, requiring nobody's "approval" or commitment. Edmundo said he understood and thanked us once again, but insisted he would really prefer to stay out of this year's Geneva action, especially in view of his sensitive GAS position, and that Grossman and Velasco could keep him well informed. Edmundo mentioned that he had put time, reputation, money, etc., into the New York negotiations, insisting until the very end that we would at least abstain, and he had been badly burned by the disaster. Edmundo was not unpleasant or angry, but just felt he should not be involved this time around. I said I understood.

George Lister

cc: JM  
HL  
KB  
Elliott Abrams  
Bob Gelbard  
Dick Howard

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