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TO: ARA - Thomas O. Enders  
FROM: HA - Elliott Abrams  
SUBJECT: Your Discussions of Certification with the GOC

Your discussions in Chile (Santiago 1547) make interesting reading, and as promised HA is now thinking about what suggestions we might make to the GOC. The more I learn about the DOJ/FBI view of the Letelier case the less optimistic I am.

Whatever your view of the human rights situation in Chile, I can assure you that responsible groups such as Freedom House believe that it is deteriorating. What is more, they and the AFL-CIO will say so publicly. Therefore, I was disturbed by paragraph five of the referenced cable, in which you apparently "reiterated that the human rights question was not our immediate concern." While it is not as likely to stymie certification as the Letelier case, it is nevertheless a matter of some concern and I feel that you may have left the Chileans with a misimpression.

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