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LETTER DATED 7 JUNE 1970 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CHILE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL 1/

The Government of Chile has given its closest attention to the Note of 5 June^{2/} which you deemed it necessary to send to me in connexion with the safety of the Military Observers in the Suez Canal Sector.

Chile remains as dedicated to the objectives of the international community as it was when it responded to the Organization's appeal to co-operate in the cause of peace by sending Observers to that Sector. My Government also wishes to place on record the fact that the safety of those Observers has from the very outset been placed in the hands of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The alarm which my Government therefore feels at your concern, occasioned by the difficulties you are encountering in guaranteeing, to any reasonable degree, the physical safety of those Observers, prompts it to request, through me, that your proven efforts should be strengthened and intensified, possibly with the urgent assistance of the Security Council, in order to provide due protection for their personal safety.

My Government is keeping abreast of events at all times and, for this purpose, has instructed me to hold informal and informational consultations with the delegations of other countries which have Observers in the area; it will also evaluate the diplomatic reports which it receives from its missions abroad in order to be able ultimately to determine its position in this matter.

1/ Circulated at the request of the Permanent Representative of Chile.

2/ See document S/9825.

The Government of Chile wishes, through me, to reiterate its confidence in you and its conviction that you will be able to find, with all the urgency that the occasion demands, the ways and means of overcoming the present difficult situation so that you can ensure, so far as is reasonably possible, the safety of the Military Observers in the Suez Sector.

In thanking you for your words of praise for the Chilean Military Observers in the Sector, I ask you to accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) José PIÑERA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
