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LETTER DATED 4 MARCH 1964 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CHILE
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The representative of Bolivia, in note S/5567 of 29 February 1964, addressed to the President of the Security Council a further communication in response to the reply which I had felt obliged to make to that representative's unprecedented note S/5562.

My Government, out of consideration for its own dignity and the proper respect due to international organizations and their leaders, is opposed to exchanges of notes of this kind especially when, as is the case with the Bolivian note, their sole purpose is propaganda in connexion with domestic politics, which does not mean that they have the faintest regard for truth or for the propriety which should be preserved in international relations.

If I felt constrained to reply to that note from the Bolivian representative, it was to expose the series of falsehoods it contained and to dispel them from the international atmosphere, for fear lest the representatives of other States, to whom it was circulated, might think, as they might be expected to think, that because the communication was addressed to a body of the highest standing, it came from a serious and responsible Government and that its contents might therefore be true.

In view of the repetition contained in note S/5567 now submitted by the Bolivian representative, I am sorry to have to take up your attention again merely to inform you that my Government is not prepared to continue with this unbecoming game into which the Government of Bolivia is trying to entice us.

In recent years, Chile has been obliged to endure a campaign of equivocal and malicious manoeuvres, of falsehoods and distortions of the truth carried on by the present Bolivian Government. But we found it difficult to believe that those unprecedented proceedings would go so far as to infringe the respect due to important international organizations, their leaders and the very international

community which they represent, by making statements which are absolutely contrary to the truth and whose falsity can be conclusively proved by any person having first-hand knowledge of conditions in Chile.

I would request Your Excellency to have a copy of this communication circulated to the other members of the Council in the same way as the note from the representative of Bolivia.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Carlos MARTINEZ SOTOMAYOR
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

