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Dear Senator Wirth,

This will be short and sweet, because this is not the letter I want you to read. I want you to read the enclosed letter from a Catholic missionary friend of mine working in Chile. It is an account of the beating she and an American priest suffered at the hands of the police on the day Pinochet was announced as the candidate for the plebiscite. I believe it is very powerful; I've already written you regarding the event, but hearing it in her own words makes all the difference. Would you consider reading it into the Congressional Record? A personal account of what's really going on in Chile is a necessary corrective to the controlled flow of information through the dictatorship.

Please talk with your colleagues and ask them why our government supports a regime that encourages unprovoked beatings of American missionaries.

I am very grateful for the service of leadership you provide for Colorado.

Sincerely,

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