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[1] 1912, of February 26, 1975, denounces the arrest of Mrs. Graciela Alvarez Rojas, a lawyer and member of the Santiago Bar Association; she was taken to the "Tres Alamos" Camp. According to the denunciation, Dr. Alvarez Rojas was providing legal aid to political prisoners.

[2] In a note of March 17, 1975, the Secretariat acknowledged receipt to the claimant. In a note of March 17, 1975, the Commission requested the Government of Chile to provide it the appropriate information. A copy of that note was transmitted to the Chilean Mission to the OAS on March 18, 1975.

[3] The Commission considered this case during its thirty-fifth session (May 1975) noting that the Government of Chile had not yet provided the appropriate information. In order to obtain more information it decided to address a note to the Santiago Bar Association requesting that it kindly provide such information as it deems appropriate, thereby postponing examination of the case until its next session, once it has in its hands the report from the Government of Chile and such data as the Santiago Bar Association may be able to provide.

[4] Pursuant to the foregoing, a note was sent to the Santiago Bar Association on July 31, 1975.

[5] For its part, the Government of Chile, in a note of July 14, 1975 (No. 13433), replied to the request for information filed on March 17, 1975, by stating that Mrs. Alvarez Rojas had left the country for Venezuela as shown in Exempt Decree No. 631 of the Ministry of the Interior, of May 8, 1975.

[6] In a note of August 18, 1975, the Commission Transmitted the information provided by the Government to the claimant.

[7] The Commission continued its examination of case 1912 during its thirty-sixth session, together with the information provided by the Government of Chile. It also noted that the Bar Association of that country had not replied to the request it filed on July 31.

Having made a study of all the factors involved in the case, the CIDH decided to again address the Government of Chile to secure information from it on the reasons behind the so called "Exempt Decrees" and what provision enables it, through these decrees, to determine which Chilean citizens, arrested for political reasons are to leave the country.

[8] Pursuant to this decision, a note was sent to the Government of Chile on October 24, 1975.