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[1] 1867, of August 14, 1974, denounces the arbitrary arrest of Dr. Hugo Behm, a physician and former director of the Public Health School of Santiago.

[2] In a communication dated August 27, 1974, the Secretariat acknowledged receipt to the claimant.

[3] During the course of the investigations conducted by the CIDH in Santiago during its thirty-third session (July-August 1974), the Commission received a denunciation on the same matter according to which Dr. Behm had allegedly been arrested by Army agents on July 31, 1974 at 11:30 pm., at his residence on "Los Leones" No 1020, Santiago, and that no further knowledge as to his whereabouts and status had been provided since that time.

[4] In a note of October 11, 1974, the CIDH requested the Government of Chile to provide the appropriate information, in accordance with Articles 42 and 44 of its Regulations.

[5] The Commission considered this denunciation at its thirty-fourth session (October 1974). In view of the fact that the 180 day period granted to the Government for transmittal of the appropriate information by virtue of Article 51 of the Regulations, had still not elapsed, it decided to postpone its examination of this case until its next session.

[6] At its thirty-fifth session (May 1975) the Commission continued examination of case 1867, noting that the Government of Chile had not provided the information requested, and that the 180-day period provided for under Article 51 of the Regulations had elapsed. It therefore decided to presume confirmation of the matters denounced, in application of that article, if by September 30, 1975, the Government of Chile had not provided that information.

[7] This decision was brought to the attention of the claimant through a letter dated June 12, 1975.

[8] In a cable dated May 31, 1975, the Government of Chile submitted information according to which Mr. Hugo Behm had been held in Ritoque since December 10, 1974, by virtue of Exempt Decree 655 of the Ministry of the Interior.

[9] The Commission continued its examination of case 1867 at its thirty-sixth session (October 1975), together with the information provided by the Government of Chile. It decided to request the Government of Chile to provide more information on the case, especially as to whether the individual in question was still being held and if that is the case, what charges have brought been against him.

[10] Pursuant to this decision, a note was sent to the Government of Chile on October 24, 1975. On November 24, the claimant was informed of this decision.