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[1] 1876. This file includes 130 cases denounced to the Commission during its on-site investigation in Chile, denunciations involving individuals arrested by military or police authorities in Chile since September 11, 1973; these individuals were either presumed to be missing or their whereabouts were not known or not certain. Classification of these denunciations was handled on the basis of the criterion already referred to in report on the thirty-third session.

[2] In a note dated October 11, 1974 the Commission requested the Government of Chile to provide the appropriate information, in accordance with Article 42 and 44 of its Regulations. In a note of January 23, 1975 (no. 1522), the Government of Chile replied by providing information, on the legal status of 37 individuals. It offered to report to the CIDH the results of the investigation being conducted to establish the status of 78 individuals. However, in that reply the Government of Chile provided no information with regard to five individuals presumed to be missing.

[3] The Commission examined this case during its thirty-fifth session (May 1975) together with the information provided by the Government of Chile. It decided the following:

a. To again address the Government of Chile with regard to the individuals still being held by virtue of the state of siege, requesting the Government that it kindly report whether it intends to release these individuals in the near future or, should there be charges, to bring them to trial, and

b. To repeat, in that same note, the request for information on these individuals with regard to whom the inquiries into their whereabouts have not been concluded and on five individuals not mentioned in the note sent on January 23, 1975, specially the case of Dr. Hugo Behm Rosas (No. 130; on the list of 130 individuals transmitted to the Government of Chile on October 11, 1974).

[4] Pursuant to this decision, a note was sent to the Government of Chile on August 5, 1975. The claimants were informed of receipt of their communications through letters dated August 19, 1975.

[5] At its thirty-sixth session (October 1975) the Commission considered the status of this case and bearing in mind the fact that the request for information filed on August 5 was still in course, it decided to postpone examination of the case until next session.