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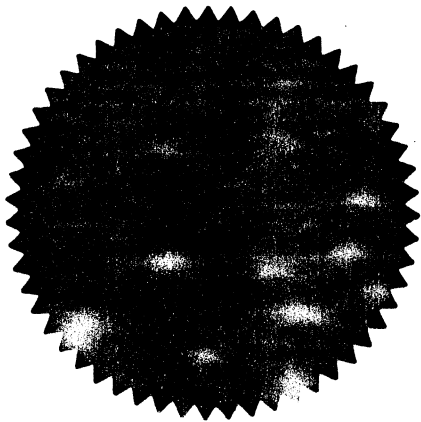
A PROCLAMATION

Requesting Aid for Chile

WHEREAS, the natural disasters that have ravaged 400 miles of eleven southern provinces of Chile, wrecking towns and villages, changing the topography of large areas and causing thousands of casualties and fatalities and material losses of more than three hundred million dollars, constitute perhaps the worst disaster of this kind that has befallen in this century anywhere in the world. The extension of the damages is such, that we are unable to conceive the magnitude and horror of the tragedy or imagine the extent of its consequences for the Chilean people, our brothers in culture and in hemispheric unity.

Sympathizing with the hardship of a country bound to us by spiritual ties, such as the love of the Chilean Gabriela Mistral for our country expressed in her wonderful poem Isla de Puerto Rico, and the love for Chile of our Eugenio María de Hostos, we are compelled to render to the Government and people of Chile all the moral and material aid within our reach.

NOW THEREFORE, I, LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, urge my fellow citizens to send such donations as their means and the kindness of their hearts allow, to the Committee for Aid to Chile, presided by Mr. Luis C. Bonnet, constituted last week for the noble and high purpose of collecting funds and goods; which this summons I make with great faith in the Puerto Rican generosity.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
set my hand and caused the Great  
Seal of the Commonwealth of Puerto  
Rico to be affixed, at the City of  
San Juan, this 20th day of June,  
A.D. nineteen hundred and sixty.

(Sgd.) LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN  
Governor

Promulgated according to law, this 20th day of June, 1960.

(Sgd.) N. ALMIROTY  
Assistant Secretary of State