



PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DE CHILE

Santiago (Chile), october 8, 1985
R-513-85

Mr.
The North face
1234 Fifth Street Berkely
California 94710
U.S.A.

Dear sirs,

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile is preparing the celebration of its first centennial along with a complete programme of the most varied events. One such event and one of the most challenging ones will introduce this celebration: an expedition to the Everest Mountain which is planned to take place during the months of July to September, 1986.

Considering the high significance of this project for our country, the Chilean Government has demonstrated a genuine interest in it. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs has thus interceded before the representatives of the People's Republic of China to obtain the corresponding permit on the desired date. Simultaneously, the Chinese Embassy in Chile has given its support for the succesful achievement of the expedition.

DIGEDER (Dirección General de Deportes y Recreación), the chief executive organism concerning national sport, has also granted its institutional and financial support.

This endeavor will be carried out by students and teachers belonging to the Mountain Climbing Team of Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.



PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DE CHILE

The great technical and organizing ability in high level expeditions has made this group an outstanding one in mountain climbing in the Andes. In recent years they have conquered the highest tops in America: Tupungato Volcano (6,550 mts.), Nevado Huayna Potosí (6,060 mts.), Nevado Huascarán (6,780 mts.) and Aconcagua Mountain (7,035 mts.).

The organization, in 1982, of the expedition to Mc Kinley Mountain (6,194 mts.) in Alaska, U.S.A., deserves special attention since it was awarded as the best one of that year by the "Chilean Mountain Climbing Federation".

This team will be headed by Mr. Claudio Lucero, important mountain climber and professor of this University. In 1983 he participated in the first and only Chilean expedition to the Everest Mountain, in which opportunity it failed. At 400 mts. from the top, he had to go down since his companion had gone seriously ill.

The achievement of this expedition demands major concern in relation to fit equipment selection. Our team, in previous opportunities, has successfully used your products, which have been excellent in their performance. Therefore, we kindly request and appreciate the cooperation of your company.

Furthermore, we would like to point out that this enterprise, starting event of our centennial celebration, will have great mass media covering. Channel 13, our own television channel reaching great part of the country, will be sponsoring this event as well as "El Mercurio" the most important newspaper in the country.

We would, therefore, greatly appreciate to let us know your conditions or requirements on our equipment request, which is detailed in enclosed copy.



PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DE CHILE

We sincerely appreciate your collaboration and understanding.

Sincerely yours,


JUAN DE DIOS VIAL CORREA
Rector

Carta igual a:

ARCHIVO HISTÓRICO
PONTIFICIA
UNIVERSIDAD
CATOLICA DE CHILE

Mr. Patagoni Software USA
Mr. Berghaus - England
Mr. Mountain Equipment - England
Mr. Wilderness Experience - USA
Mr. Millet - France
Mr. Recreational Equipment, Inc. (R.E.I.) - USA
Mr. IBS Ishii Sports - Japan
Mr. Au Vieux Campeuripment, Inc. (R.E.I.) -France



PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DE CHILE

Equipment

4	Tents GEODESIC NORTH STAR
16	Tents GEODESIC VE-24
9	GOOSE DOWN IBEX sleeping bags
9	GORE-TEX jackets
9	GORE-TEX bibs
9	POLAR-FLEECE jackets and pants

ARCHIVO HISTÓRICO
PONTIFICIA
UNIVERSIDAD
CATÓLICA DE CHILE