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  – **Research:** Application of capital gains tax to benefit host countries
  – **Research:** Analysis of the Chilean mining industry. Preparation for a Summer internship in a copper mine in Chile, supported by the VCC and the Global Columbia Center in Santiago.