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George:
Why is this in
secret. Can't we
share it with them?
Really? We are trying to
Letter from HAK. Have you
seen it?
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To: Bill Rogers

Subject: USG - Chile Relations

I'm writing at Bill Luers' suggestion. A member of Santiago Em-
bassy Political Section is here (until c.o.b. Friday) for reassign-
ment to the field, after being in Chile since August, 1973. We've talk-
ed candidly off the record. His report on Embassy relations with the
Junta is most disturbing. He says:

1. The Junta does not get clear signals on USG's Chile policy.
They note our votes in OAS and U.N., read your speeches, etc., but al-
so see us pushing the Hill hard on behalf of help for Chile. The USG
Executive branch comes through as pro-Junta, trying to deal with the
Hill and public opinion in the Junta's interests.

33000 2. [redacted] CIA and DOD are strongly pro-Junta. During one conver-
sation with a high GOC official a U.S. Embassy Colonel referred to
"that Communist Kennedy".

3. The Ambassador's position, supported by Stout, DOD [redacted], is 3.3(b)(1)
a minority one. The majority of the Country Team accept the utili-
ty of sanctions to move the Junta more quickly toward a position ac-
ceptable to Chilean domestic opinion and reasonable international cri-
tics. The attached CASP major issue papers, just submitted, reflect the
two views.

4. There is no viable alternative to the Junta. It would be a
political disaster if it fell. Pinochet can be influenced, if reach-
ed. But clear signals are essential.

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Comment:

Several years ago I talked at length with a DCM from the field and the then Assistant Secretary about changing USG policy towards one Latin American government. The Assistant Secretary suggested instructing the Ambassador to go to the Foreign Minister with a clear message. The DCM estimated that would be useless unless the Military Attache carried the identical message to their counterparts.

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G. Lister

