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UNCLASSIFIED  
MEMORANDUM

TO : Mrs. Patricia Diaz Dennis  
FROM : HA - George Lister  
SUBJECT: Chile Visit Update

The Embassy of Chile (DCM Letelier) asked me to suggest names of Chilean friends I would like to have included in my visit next month. In accordance with that request I faxed the attached list to the Embassy yesterday. I later sent along three additional names, including Cardinal Silva.

At one point yesterday Letelier also asked that I discuss my trip plans with Edmundo Vargas, GOC Deputy Foreign Minister and Christian Democrat, who is at the U.N. for a few days. Don Edmundo and I cooperated closely while he was Executive Secretary of the OAS Inter-American Human Rights Commission, up to last year. I had a good phone conversation with Vargas and at one point he remarked: "The Chilean people will never be able to pay their debt to you, George".

Occasionally HA gets some applause!

The attached 1988 memorandum and letter are relevant to the above.

cc: HA - Jim Bishop  
ARA - Bob Gelbard

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What a wonderful Eulogy  
to you!

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October 24, 1988

To: Dick Schifter  
Subject: Local Chileans

As you can imagine, most local Chileans are ecstatic with the plebiscite results. A good many went home to vote, and are now returning very moved and impressed with what they saw and heard in their native land. Quite a few have called me with the happy tidings.

One example of this reaction is attached. When I first met her Gloria Loyola was married to Mario Artaza, who had just been expelled from the Chilean diplomatic service. The Artazas were Christian Democrats, with three young children. I helped him find a job with the IDB. About five years ago the Artazas divorced, and Gloria married David Black, a gringo. All of us have worked together, over the years, for Chilean democracy.

George Lister

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cc: Bill Farrand  
Elliott Abrams



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Dear George:

I have just returned from Chile, and wished to share with you the impressions I have of the change following the plebiscite -- a change to which you contributed greatly.

As you recall, our relationship goes back fifteen years to the time immediately following the military take-over of the Chilean government and the assassination of Salvador Allende. You were a great help to me and my family, and helped us bridge some very sad and difficult times.

Many persons who voted in the election earlier this month are too young to remember their country as one with a democratic history. Those who voted October 5 in their first election were only three years old when democracy ceased to exist.

You know from first-hand experience and from the patience you expended in dealing with the broad spectrum of political parties of my country that ~~it was not easy for the 14 political parties of my country~~ that it was not easy for the 14 political groups to unite in opposition to General Pinochet. Now that their victory is confirmed, what happens in the coming months will be critical to my country's future. I hope and pray that this unity will continue, and that an opposition candidate will be selected who has the ability to heal my country's wounds, and to guide its future economically as well as socially, so that all levels of society can benefit from its growth and success.

Your efforts in supporting a return to the democratic process in Chile are known to so many of us who longed for a return to freedom. Through your continuing encouragement, your unshaken optimism, and your knowledge and skill, Chile today is on its return to democracy thanks in large parts to you and your efforts.

I speak not only for myself and for my family in thanking you for what you have done, but for the Chilean people themselves.

God bless you.

Osorio Loyola-Black

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