

March 7, 1986

To: Jim Montgomery

Subject: Schifter: Chile Resolution Today

When Schifter called today I gave him the following information.

1. Jaime Castillo will fly to Geneva Sunday. Dick was delighted. I have asked Vargas and Velasco to be sure Castillo goes. They have promised.
2. Zalaquett is calling the World Council of Churches to say the Vicariate supports our resolution. Schifter was pleased.
3. The Chilean democrats are supporting our draft as is, but want us to move the resolution to item 5. Schifter authorized me to tell everyone that we are prepared to move to item 5 if the Mexicans will withdraw their resolution. I am doing so and Vargas, Velasco, etc., are jubilant.
4. Poblete called Jaime Barrios (Communist) in NYC to say the Mexicans should withdraw their resolution, that the Chilean democrats want the U.S. resolution, and Barrios should so inform Mexico City. Poblete says he senses the Communists are beginning to worry about the backlash to their maneuvering in Santiago and Geneva. Martin thinks it best for Dick to wait for Castillo before talking with the Mexicans.
5. Dick said he had been mistaken about the Spaniards having co-sponsored the Mexican draft. They were considering doing so, but have not done it. I am informing the local Chilean community.
6. We are finally working effectively with the Chilean democrats and there is a good chance it will soon become clear that the USG favors democracy in Chile and that both the Communists and Pinochet are trying to prevent the Chileans from learn-

g that.

After my conversation with Schifter Vargas told me he understands that when we move our resolution to item 5 the Mexicans will submit an amendment in favor of keeping Chile a separate item.

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