

URGENT

March 13, 1986

To: Jim Montgomery

Subject: Chile: Schifter News Conference

At 8 this morning I called Edmundo Vargas and Eugenio Velasco at home about the New York Times front page story on Schifter's Geneva news conference on our Chile Resolution. Vargas and Velasco were delighted to hear of it and promised to read the story quickly. I asked them both to alert Santiago immediately. They promised to do that as well. I also informed Vargas and Velasco that we were disappointed in Castillo's performance thus far. Vargas shared my disappointment and said he planned to make a trip to Chile within a few days and, at that time, he intends to talk with Valdes and to try to arrange for better Alianza Democratica performance in international affairs. I am asking Velasco to check with Maximo Pacheco in Santiago to ascertain whether Pacheco had indeed called Castillo yesterday, as he had promised, to instruct him to support Schifter. I had asked Velasco to request Pacheco to do that yesterday, and Velasco did so (ref. attached). Velasco seems to understand the importance of this.

Mike Durkee called me around 9:30 a.m. to say he had just talked with Anselm (sp.?) in Geneva, and that the latter had asked for Chilean democrats in Chile and the U.S. to call Castillo, urging him to support Schifter now. I told Mike I was doing just that, and recommended we stay in close touch. Anselm told Durkee that Schifter is talking with the Mexicans now, and thus far there has been no vote.

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March 12, 1986 3:30 p.m.

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Velasco just called me back. He phoned Maximo Pacheco in Santiago. Pacheco told Velasco that Castillo is almost in agreement with Schifter in Geneva. Velasco said Castillo should stop negotiating and agree now with Schifter. Pacheco said he would call Castillo immediately and tell him that, in simple, clear Spanish.

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