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To: Dick Schifter

Subject: Chile: Poblete/Plans

Poblete was very pleased with our conversation this morning. And of course I was delighted because I think Martin and Claudio Grossman are two of the best.

Poblete is convinced that the Communists are going to go all out at NYC to prevent another Geneva victory for us. He believes they will try to force concessions from Jaime Castillo by threatening to break up the Chile Human Rights Commission. By the way, Castillo has just been made a Vice President of the Christian Democratic International.

You will recall that during our conversation this morning Poblete emphasized that it is essential for us to get clear agreement on NYC from the democrats in Santiago. Martin therefore suggests we get Barnes to talk with Valdes, and to prevail upon him to issue orders to cooperate with us on achieving our plan. I think Poblete is right and I vote for a cable from you to Harry.

George Lister

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cc: Jim Montgomery
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