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To: Dick Schifter

Subject: Chile Resolution: U.S. Abstention

Martin Poblete called to say he was very disappointed with the news of our abstention on the Chile Resolution. He said it was "very regrettable, and sends a very wrong message". Martin found it difficult to understand why we had not repeated our tactics of two years ago, when we won our great victory with our own draft. Poblete feels today's outcome provides both Pinochet and the Communists with excellent propaganda opportunities.

Edmundo Vargas is equally unhappy with our abstention, although he was very pleased with the results of the Cuba Resolution. When I asked Edmundo to keep me informed of any specific reaction from Chile he said he would prefer just to forget about it.

Depressing.

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