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TO: ARA - Mr. John Hugh Crimmins
FROM: ARA - George Lister
SUBJECT: CICOP and Frank Church

I have attached an advance copy of the speech Frank Church will deliver at this morning's CICOP session. It is similar to his recent statements. Among other things it asserts:

There is a growing gulf between us and Latin America. Our image is poor and becoming worse. Although some Latin American hostility is inevitable, much is not. Do we stand for development or stability? We have tried for both. But the failure of the Alliance for Progress must be admitted. Our faith in it as an effective instrument for change was the high water mark of U.S. innocence abroad. Our support of military forces in Latin America identifies us as an enemy of change. Nor do I any longer accept the liberal credo of economic aid. I have concluded that such aid links us to foreign governments as much as military aid. In some capitals our AID people actually sit as advisors in ministries. In Lima our trouble began with the jet plane squabble. The U.S. Ambassador there told me a few weeks ago that all his difficulties with the Peruvian Government stemmed from our foreign aid program. I call for a new policy terminating bilateral aid and channeling it to the IADB, World Bank, etc. I call for reestablishing non-intervention. I don't know how to explain why the U.S. spends more money supporting a military dictatorship in Brazil than we have furnished any foreign government save India in recent years. Young people ask what it is we stand for if we do not stand against dictatorship of this kind.

In accordance with our arrangement, I have left two identification cards, in your name and Irv Tragen's, with Mr. Brown, along with a full set of advanced copies of speeches and other conference material.

Attachment:

Advance copy of speech