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WDR -

Radio Pacifica is taping a number of interviews on human rights, in connection with the Sept. 11 anniversary of the Chilean coup. Trucco has agreed to do a tape, and I have been asked to do one. With your O.K. I plan to do so this afternoon.

Radio Pacifica is West Coast oriented, starting in Berkeley in 1949. It is a listener-supported, educational, non-commercial station. It is new to D.C. and will not start broadcasting here before Jan. 1976, as station WPFW.

I would like to do the tape. As you know, I am a frequent public speaker. I think it would be excellent to have a USG official included in the program. Of course I realize the subject and occasion are sensitive. A brief outline of my speech follows.

How we came to designate Human Rights Officers. Fraser's role. Creation of D/HA. What is basis for USG interest and activity? U.N. Charter, IAHR, etc. What is our policy? Quotes of Ingersoll, WDR, HAK. What's it like in daily practice? Helping U.S. citizens, relatives, friends, etc. Drafting appropriate papers and messages. Liaison with Hill, academic and religious communities, Amnesty, ICJ, etc. Some tough problems. Economic aid to countries with poor human rights records? How best influence other governments? How much can be reasonably expected? Could USG do better? Of course, so could almost all govts. Could the U.S. religious and academic communities? Of course. Try to make your criticism constructive, accurate and honest (e.g. don't just criticize right-wing or left-wing governments). Conclusion: high priority for human rights is not only morally right but smart politics.

I will make no specific mention of any government or country other than the U.S.

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