

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

INFORMATION
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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: STEPHEN LOW *SL*
SUBJECT: Chilean President's visit to U.S.

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As you are aware, we had a feeler from Pinochet about the possibility of a visit with President Ford if the Chilean should come to New York at the end of this month. We asked Ambassador Popper to discourage it by saying that the President's schedule was already full for this period. A recent intelligence report indicates that Pinochet may be planning to come anyway on a private visit to New York at the end of August, making private contacts and talking to people at the UN.

For Pinochet to be the first Latin American Chief of State to be received by President Ford at the White House (not counting Williams of Trinidad and Tobago) would stimulate criticism domestically in the U.S. and from Latin America. On the other hand, if someone wanted to make an issue out of it, refusal by President Ford to see him could be equally embarrassing at this stage.

I discussed this with Bill Rogers, who agrees with this potential for embarrassment and is considering what steps he can take to further discourage the possibility of such a visit. One would be an informal talk with Ambassador Trucco.

I wanted to call this to your attention as a matter of possible future difficulty.

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