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MEMORANDUM

TO : INR/DDC - Mr. William McAfee
FROM : INR/DDC - James R. Gardner
SUBJECT : Forthcoming NY Times Article on US
Intelligence Activities Affecting Chile

Harry Shlaudeman, ARA, informed me this noon that Seymour Hersh, NY Times, had called Nat Davis this morning to seek comment regarding a Hersh article coming out in this Sunday's magazine section of the Times, about US intelligence activity in Chile. As I understand the matter, the Hersh article will contain a resume of 40 Committee discussions and decisions on Chile from the 1969 elections that brought Allende to power through the period of the Allende presidency up to the time of his overthrow in September 1973.

I have no idea at this moment of just what it is that Hersh has. Publication of the complete record of 40 Committee proceedings on Chile in the indicated period would pose some problems. The record shows that the Committee:

--approved in the 1969 election period in Chile, some [] to support anti-Allende activity.

--inquired in this period about the feasibility and possibility of support to the Chilean military should it engineer a coup attempt against Allende, discussed the possibility of creating anti-Allende pressures by precipitating an economic crisis in Chile []

--discussed post election support in Chilean Congressional elections to parties in opposition to Allende and substantial financial assistance to a Christian Democratic []

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