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Situation Report.

1. Trust that consumers understand that Embassy 3741 “Communist take over” is designed to provide base for propaganda action that I hope will unfold in Europe and LatAm.

2. Copei anti-Allende declaration given good play Mercurio today under Caracas dateline and helpful.

3. Anticipated Viaux statement came out last night and in Mercurio, Channel 7 (govt) and several radio stations. It just might provide the spur to the Armed Forces CINCs to issue their own statement which was my intention in forcing Ossa to stop working against Viaux statement. Emb will send septel.

4. MinFinance Zaldivar had himself interviewed by national TV. He took as pretext alleged breaking of rules by Popular Unity liaison Vuskovich’s declarations to press, Zaldivar stating agreement had been that only Minister could make statements on economy. Zaldivar cleverly emphasized deteriorating economic situation in country while reciting how GOC taking all appropriate measures. Emb will send septel.

5. You can regard both Viaux and Zaldivar statements as earnests of intentions from at least Ossa since these two items were high on my list of insistences in my Monday talk with Ossa.

6. Can someone convince USIA (suggest talk to Shakespeare) to have his organization replay Mercurio editorials that we have been sending past few days but which they refuse to use? How can they distribute Allende propaganda material such as Time Magazine interview with Allende (on VOA) and refuse to touch Mercurio’s excellent editorials?