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1. On the morning of 10 October 1970, the DDP discussed the Chilean situation on telephone with General Haig. DDP made the following points:

a. The situation looked dimmer now than at any time before.

b. We had made direct contact with a number of the senior military officers, especially those who had been reportedly very activist-minded and had received pessimistic reactions from all.

c. The type of forward planning Ambassador Korry discussed in his messages should be followed at this time as we should be preparing ourselves to deal with an Allende administration. It would be foolish to “throw out the baby with the bathwater.” However, Korry in some of his reactions may be premature.

d. The above notwithstanding, we were continuing to do everything we could to reach the desired objective and were not slowing our momentum.

2. General Haig advised DDP that Ambassador Korry would be allowed to come to Washington. Under Secretary U. Alexis Johnson had argued that Ambassador Korry should not be allowed to state at a later date that he had been refused the opportunity to come to Washington for consultation.