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Transcript of a Telephone Conversation Between President Nixon and the President's Assistant for National Security Affairs (Kissinger)

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[P:] How about Ambassador Korry. Is there anything new?

K: I saw Karamessines today. That looks hopeless. I turned it off. Nothing would be worse than an abortive coup.

P: Just tell him to do nothing. What I am afraid with the . . . that Charlie Meir (phonetic) [Meyer] will get him in his clutches and continue a lot of AID and I am not going to do a thing for them. I won't [continue that much aid there.]

K: They have not said that they are nationalizing any companies, them or anything.

P: I think the line with him is to be coolly detached. After all he has not been selected yet.

K: If he is . . .

P: Then we cut him off. Hickenlooper applies. This country has gotten 2½ million dollars. Worst [diplomatic mess we have gotten ourselves into.]

K: You have said it all along and I was not at all sure until [until just lately.] I had the Chilean Ambassador in today. He said is that what we accomplished. Is that what we have worked for. [He is a very nice man.]

[Omitted here is discussion unrelated to Chile.]