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Memorandum From the Executive Secretary of the 40 Committee (Jessup) to the President's Assistant for National Security Affairs (Kissinger)

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Request for Funds for 16 January 1972 By-Elections in Chile

This is a 40 Committee proposal to provide [dollar amount not declassified] to support two good opposition candidates in a special election in Chile for two vacant congressional seats. Both Nachmanoff and I agree that this is in the current mold of doing what we can to keep Allende off balance.

All the other principals are on board, so we recommend a telephonic vote rather than a meeting. In this connection, I am attaching a note to you from Dave Packard dated 8 December (Tab B), a sort of swan song urging that the Committee keep after Chile. Packard has indicated that he will not be in the approval process after 10 December and has asked Laird what he would like to do in the interim. I think that we can take the tone of his letter as an endorsement for what is proposed.

There is a time factor in this proposal—the election taking place in 30 days—so I urge prompt attention to this matter.

The candidates we are backing, [name not declassified] the Christian Democratic Party and [name not declassified] the National Party, are solid citizens and their opposition are no pushovers [1½ lines not declassified]. The elections will be close.