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Memorandum From the President's Assistant for National Security Affairs (Kissinger) to President Nixon

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U.S. Aid to Chile

You requested information regarding the amount of assistance we have provided to Chile as compared to other major Latin American countries.

Since July 1961, the beginning of the first fiscal year under the Foreign Assistance Act, the U.S. has provided a total of $1.2 billion in foreign assistance to Chile. Of this total, $564 million was in AID loans and grants. The remainder consisted of PL 480, Exim Bank loans and military and other economic assistance. During this period Chile was the second largest Latin American recipient of U.S. foreign assistance (Brazil received $2.3 billion).

In FY 1970, Chile received $41.1 million and the level of aid tentatively projected by the agencies for FY 1971 is $71.6 million. Foreign aid legislation for FY 1971 has not yet been passed, and the FY 1971 projected level is, of course, subject to change.

Attached for your information at Tab A is a table which provides a summary and breakdown of our assistance to Chile compared with that given to other major Latin American countries during the same time period. The table at Tab B summarizes U.S. assistance provided to Chile in FY 1970 and estimated in FY 1971.