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PROPOSED AGENDA

Meeting of the 303 Committee, July 12, 1968

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5. Chile - March 1969 Congressional Election. At Tab E-1 is a CIA memorandum requesting authority to spend an initial [redacted] to promote the election of moderate Congressmen in the March 1969 elections. The memorandum emphasizes the drift to the left that currently characterizes Chilean politics and the danger that the new Congress will be dominated by the Communists and the rigidly doctrinaire Chilean Socialists. This development would in turn involve a real possibility that the 1970 presidential election would bring to office either a pro-Communist or a man unduly dependent on the Communists and Socialists. The Agency therefore recommends support for the Ambassador's request for [redacted] to be spent in assisting selected moderate candidates from different political parties and for [redacted] to be spent [redacted]. At Tab E-2 is an ARA memorandum recommending that you support the proposal. ARA notes that the survival of the sort of democratic reformism represented by President Frei is in the U.S. interest, and it believes that the tactics outlined in the Agency paper are suitable. INR concurs, noting however that the [redacted] is requested specifically as an initial contingency fund. It is suggested, however, that the 303 Committee request frequent and detailed progress reports on this program.

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