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PROPOSED AGENDA

Meeting of the 303 Committee, April 15, 1969

1. [redacted]

2. Final Report: March 1969 Chilean Congressional Election. At TAB A-1 is a "Final Report" from the Agency to the 303 Committee analyzing the results of the [redacted] election program (only [redacted] actually expended) in Chile which the Committee approved last July to influence the outcome of the 2 March congressional election.

Under the program some 12 moderate candidates, selected by an Embassy-[redacted] Committee, were given financial support. Ten of these were elected. Some [redacted] was also given to a Socialist group that had broken away from the main hard-lining Socialist Party; none of this dissident group was elected, but the Agency estimates that the votes they won worked to deprive the Socialist Party of several Congressional seats, all of which went to moderates.

The Agency states that the operation was limited and achieved limited objectives. It notes that the over-all results of the election were a set-back for the moderates and a strengthening of the tendency toward polarization in Chilean politics between the Conservative right and the Marxist left, with the Communist-Socialist front standing at least an even chance of winning the presidential elections in September 1970.

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