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MEMORANDUM

September 18, 1969

TO : INR/OD - Mr. George C. Denney, Jr.

FROM : INR/DDC - Wymberley DeR. Coerr

SUBJECT : ARA-CIA Meeting, 17 September 1969

PARTICIPANTS: ARA - Messrs. Meyer, Crimmins, Hurwitch, and (for Chile item) Chapin; CIA - Messrs. Broe and [ ]
INR/DDC - Messrs. Coerr and Gardner

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Mr. Broe said that the Agency was preparing a paper for the 303 Committee [ ] A principal aim would be to get on the record the general consensus that we should not support with covert activity any particular candidate in the 1970 presidential elections. Mr. Broe said he had just finished talking with Ambassador Korry about this and that there was, as far as he knew, no exception to the consensus. He could foresee, however, that as the time for elections drew near and the possibility grew real that a far left candidate would win, there might well be questions raised about why no action had been taken to preclude such a result. Thus the wish for 303 ratification.

Mr. Broe observed that if any action were taken to influence the elections, it would presumably be focused not on supporting a particular candidate, but on taking votes away from FRAP, the Communist-Socialist alliance. [

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Mr. Crimmins did ask how much lead time the Agency would require to lend effective aid to a specified candidate in the event some one in the U.S. Government decided to push the panic button when confronted with the imminence of a victory by the far left. [Mr. Broe] gave no precise answer, but he did note that it would be a complicated operation, requiring much care and time.

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