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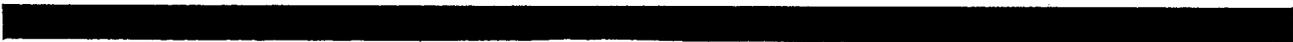
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Gentlemen,

In my view the basic questions which interest this group and which impact on CIA can be dealt with promptly by my commenting on what are perhaps a few of the key issues which are involved in this Hearing. 



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CIA officers did, however, talk to ITT officials in the period July to October 1970 about political developments in Chile. This was in keeping with our long established policy of maintaining contact with knowledgeable businessmen, journalists or diplomats in order to discuss trends and developments in a particular area. It was in this frame of reference that ITT and CIA officials exchanged views on how things were going in Chile,



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I should note in this context that CIA had no monopoly on United States Government contacts with ITT, either preceding or following Allende's election. Other government departments or agencies also talked to ITT

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representatives in this time frame, for such dialogues are part of the process of keeping abreast of what is going on in a country like Chile, when it is in a high state of political and economic flux.

Chile remains a topic of more than passing intelligence interest to the United States. As a result I am not at liberty to comment further on items dealing with Chile which affect intelligence techniques or personnel. I do hope, however, that my comments have been useful in terms of the basic issues being considered by this Committee.

Thank you.

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