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TO : The Ambassador

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Communist Discussion of Certain Campaign Matters

1. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] 1970, leaders of the Communist Party of Chile (PCCh) discussed certain campaign matters. They said that they wanted to concentrate on the four most important provinces--Santiago, Valparaiso, Concepcion, and Antofagasta. The leaders said that A l l e n d e and party will spend the first half of March in Magallanes, Chiloe, and Aysen and the rest in Santiago. In April, they will go to Concepcion, Arauco, and as far as Valdivia and Bio-Bio. The PCCh leaders believe that the campaigners will not need much time in Cautin and Cauquenes but will have to spend at least four days to organize a large ceremony in Concepcion. The PCCh recognizes that whereas it has no difficulty getting out 20,000 people in Santiago or even 60,000 in the Estadio Nacional, it will have to work hard to get a large turnout in the provinces.

3. The Party also wants to send parliamentarians to the provines in March, which it regards as a crucial month. It does not want to wait until mid-year to get its propaga~~n~~ds to the provinces.

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