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MEXICO: The government is in a dilemma over how to handle the three-day state visit of Chilean President Allende scheduled to begin on 30 November.

The Echeverria administration would like to use the visit to gain favor with the domestic left, the "third world," and Chile itself. It is also aware of the possibility, however, that public appearances by Allende could provoke demonstrations ostensibly in his favor, but which could also take on antigovernment overtones. Such a situation arose on 25 October when a rally originally called in support of Chile was quickly stopped by the government when antigovernment themes were expressed.

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