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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Chile: But What if There is a Military Coup?*

A new round of political street clashes and renewed reporting of coup plotting serve to call attention once again to the prospects for the Allende regime in Chile. The major judgments of the recent estimate (NIE 94-72: "Chile: The Alternatives Facing the Allende Regime," 29 June 1972) appear to be in better shape than Dr. Allende's political and economic programs. We still believe that a military coup to overthrow Allende is unlikely, at least between now and the March 1973 congressional election. But, as indicated in the estimate, certain contingencies, such as a breakdown in public order or an attempt by Allende to subvert the constitution, could considerably increase the chances for a coup. The main purpose of this Memorandum is to assess the factors likely to influence the character of a coup -- if there is one.

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* This paper has been discussed with other components within CIA, but has not been formally coordinated.

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Memo from -

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TO: Harvey Summ
Room 7533 - State

I am sending you for your background use a Memo on Chile we did for our Director because of the recent reporting on political tensions and coup plotting. As you can see we have not changed the basic estimates on the recent NIE 94-72.

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TO: Dan Bowen
Room 4328 - Treasury

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SUBJECT: Other Outside Distribution of MEMORANDUM: Chile: But
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STATE: Mr. John H. Crimmins (ARA)
Mr. G. Harvey Summ (INR)
Mr. Ray Cline (INR)

NSC: Mr. Kennedy
Mr. William Jordan

TREASURY: Mr. Dan Bowen

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John W. Fisher

Dept. of State - Room 5262

Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum that the Office of National Estimates prepared for the Director of Central Intelligence, because of the recent reports of political disorders and coup plotting in Chile. I sent a copy to John Crimmins and thought you would also like to see it.



Member,
Board of National Estimates

5 September 1972
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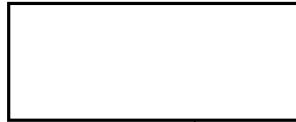
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Col. Richard Kennedy
NSC Staff

Mr. Helms suggested to me that you might find
this piece of interest.



JOHN HUIZENGA
Director
National Estimates

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