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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: Viron P. Vaky

SUBJECT: Reactions in Latin America to Allende's Victory in Chile

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There is a widespread conviction that Allende's victory represents a political watershed that is likely to have important repercussions throughout the Hemisphere. Nevertheless, there does not appear to be any inclination in any country to interfere openly in Chilean affairs.

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In general, orthodox Marxists and radical nationalists, jubilant over the victory, believe their chances for a larger political role have been enhanced in many countries. Christian Democrats and other left-of-center parties fear the implications of the defeat of the Christian Democratic candidate Tomic on their own political futures. The reactions of center and right political groups range from concern and apprehension to hostile opposition to Allende. In some countries these groups will probably advise harsher treatment of left-wing opposition groups.

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Reaction in neighboring Peru and Bolivia has been mixed. It is generally felt in Peru that Allende's victory will reinforce the rapid pace of the Peruvian revolution and, while there is apprehension among the military that Chile may become a center for subversion in Latin America, Peru would probably enjoy friendly relations with an Allende government.

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