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Honorable William E. Colby
Director of Central Intelligence
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Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Director Colby:

Recently the staff of the Senate Select Committee had the opportunity to review the Operating Directives for Chile for fiscal years 1971, 1972, and 1973. The following passage was found in the Operating Directive for FY 1972. It was one of several Objectives of Covert Action, Priority A, for Chile.

9. Sponsor a program which will enable the Chilean armed forces to retain their integrity and independent political power. Provide direct financial support to key military figures who can be expected to develop a meaningful following in their respective services to restrain and, perhaps, topple the Allende government.

Director Colby, would you, for the record, respond to the following questions based on the above statement:

1. Did the CIA provide financial support, either directly or indirectly, to any Chilean military figures at any time from January 1971 to December 1973?
2. Specifically, but without limitation, did CIA provide any financial support, directly or indirectly, at any time to the following Chilean military officers?

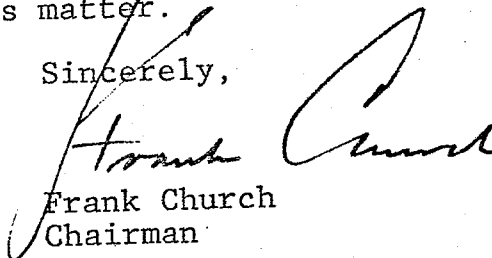
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The Committee would appreciate a response to this inquiry within the next two weeks. Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Frank Church
Chairman