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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Letelier/Moffitt Case and U.S. Policy  
to Chile (S)

The President has reviewed your memorandum of October 19, 1979, on the Letelier/Moffitt case. On the basis of your assessment that the overwhelming body of evidence makes it likely that charges would be upheld that high-ranking officials of the Chilean government were responsible for the assassination of Orlando Letelier and Roni Moffitt, and on the basis of your judgment that the Government of Chile made no serious effort to investigate or prosecute this crime, the President determined that we should take the following actions which would constitute a strong reaffirmation of our determination to resist international terrorism and a deterrent to those who might be tempted to commit similar acts within our borders: (S)

1. Diplomatic Steps. State Department should meet with Chilean officials to reiterate our views that the Government of Chile's failure to investigate this crime is unacceptable, and to explain the actions we are taking. The size of our Mission in Chile should be reduced as a concrete indication of our displeasure. This reduction should include personnel from the State Department and other agencies. (S)
2. FMS Pipeline. The FMS pipeline should be terminated in an orderly fashion by January 1, 1980. The State Department should minimize any termination costs that might require a Congressional appropriation. (S)
3. MilGroup. As the FMS pipeline is reduced, the MilGroup should be phased down to two officials. At the time of termination of the pipeline, the State Department should then assess whether the other two officials in the MilGroup should remain in Chile, and should submit a recommendation to the National Security Council at that time. (S)
4. EX-IM Financing. The President has determined that EX-IM financing to Chile should be denied because it is "in the national interest" and would "clearly and importantly advance U.S. policy in such areas as international terrorism." That Presidential determination will be published in the Federal Register soon. (S)

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5. Export Licenses. State and Commerce Departments should continue to hold applications for licenses to export items to Chile for the use of the Chilean Armed Forces. Applications for new licenses should be carefully reviewed as they are presented.

6. OPIC. OPIC should not approve any further guarantees or undertake any new activities in Chile. (S)

7. Statement. The State Department should prepare a statement and submit it to the National Security Council for approval by noon, October 29, 1979. The statement should reiterate our grave concern and deep disappointment at the Chile Government's actions, including in particular its failure to investigate the crime, and outline the actions we are taking. The statement should be a clear and strong assessment of what we are doing. (S)



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