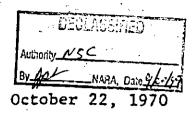


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Washington, D.C. 20529



MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Message to Chilean President Frei on Attempted Assassination of Army Commander

General Rene Schneider, Commander of the Chilean Army, is in serious condition as a result of bullet wounds inflicted by unknown assailants early October 22 in Santiago.

The Department recommends that the President send to President Frei of Chile a message along the lines of the enclosed suggested message.

If White House approves, we will have our Embassy in Santiago deliver the message.

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Enclosure:

Suggested message

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Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. President:

Schneider is a stain on the pages of contemporary history. I would like you to know of my sorrow that this repugnant event has occurred in your country, and would ask you to extend to General Schneider and his family my sympathy and best wishes for speedy recovery.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon



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