MEMORANDUM FOR DR. HENRY KISSINGER

FROM: Kent Crane

SUBJECT: Elections in Chile

During the past weekend I met Senator Pedro
Fueux, a prominent leader of the National Party in Chile. He was in New York to contact American businessmen
for the purpose of raising funds for Alessandri’s Presidential
campaign. He indicated he had some success and was hopeful
that [redacted] would get involved.

He also hoped the USG would support Alessandri,
both financially and with technical advisors. If the USG is not
forthcoming he has in mind hiring some campaign advisors
from one of the many private consultant organizations to help
Alessandri. He is aware that these consultants normally work
for only one party, and has in mind selecting a firm with
Republican ties. If this should occur, we might be in a position
of taking all the political risks of supporting Alessandri without
any of the intended benefits [redacted].

He felt the elections in Chile was critical, not only because
the Communist candidate must be beaten, but also because a re-
versal of the trend toward the Christian Democrats would be
beneficial throughout Latin America.