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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. HENRY KISSINGER

FROM: Kent Crane *KC*

SUBJECT: Elections in Chile

During the past weekend I met Senator Pedro Ibanez, 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 reversal of the trend toward the Christian Democrats would be beneficial throughout Latin America.

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