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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR HELMS:

1. MR. JOHN MCCONE TESTIFIED 21 MARCH IN OPEN HEARINGS BEFORE CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE ON MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS. AP TICKER IS CARRYING ITEM ON THIS TESTIMONY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES QUOTE HELMS WHO HE (MCCONE) CALLED A PERSONAL FRIEND, ADVISED HIM THAT AN INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF MEMBERS OF THE WHITE HOUSE, STATE DEPARTMENT, DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS THE CIA HAD DISCUSSED THE CHILE SITUATION AND 'THE DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED THAT NOTHING WOULD BE DONE.' HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HELMS TOLD HIM THAT 'SOME MINIMAL EFFORT WITHIN THE FLEXIBILITY OF ITS OWN BUDGET COULD BE ENGAGED IN' BY THE CIA.

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"2. CIA IS PRESENTLY MONITORING PRESS PLAY ON THIS STATEMENT. IT IS HOPED THIS STATEMENT WILL NOT RAISE QUESTION OF DID CIA DO ON ITS OWN WHAT POLICY-MAKERS HAD DECIDED NOT TO DO IN CHILE. AGENCY WILL BE COMMENTING ON THIS POINT IN FOLLOWUP TRAFFIC TO YOU ON 22 MARCH. ON INTERIM BASIS, HOWEVER, WANTED TO ALERT YOU REGARDING THIS MATTER IN CASE PRESS CONTACTS YOU AND ASKS FOR COMMENTS." ~~SECRET~~

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