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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR HELMS:

1. FURTHER INTEREST MUTED SO FAR ON REF 'MINIMAL EFFORT' STATEMENT BECAUSE SUBSEQUENT TESTIMONY ON 22 MARCH BY MR. E.J. GERRY OF ITT PUBLIC RELATIONS RESULTED IN SHARP FOCUS BY COMMITTEE AND PRESS ON INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN HIS STATEMENTS AND THOSE OF MR. MCCONE THE PREVIOUS DAY ABOUT PURPOSE OF ITT OFFERING ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO USGOVT FOR ACTIVITIES IN CHILE IN 1970. MCCONE HAD SAID OFFER WAS TO HELP OPPOSITION TO ALLENDE BEFORE SECOND ROUND VOTING WHILE GERRY SAID IT WAS FOR 'LOW COST HOUSING, AGRICULTURE AND OTHER PUBLIC VENTURES' IN ATTEMPT WIN ALLENDE FRIENDSHIP. COMMITTEE NOW CONSIDERING RECALLING MR. JACK NEAL OF ITT WASHINGTON OFFICE WHO HAD TESTIFIED EARLIER THAT HE HAD RELAYED THE 'SEVEN FIGURE' OFFER OF HELP TO STATE DEPT WHICH, COMMITTEE SAYS, HAS DENIED HAVING BEEN INFORMED BY NEAL THAT SUCH AN OFFER WAS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING

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AND AGRICULTURE.

2. NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL OF 22 MARCH ENTITLED 'ITT'S BRAZEN BEHAVIOR' INCLUDED STATEMENT THAT 'ACCORDING TO MR. MCCONE, MR. HELMS HAD EARLIER PROMISED 'SOME MINIMAL EFFORT' BY THE CIA TO TRY TO BRING ABOUT DR. ALLENDE'S DEFEAT.'

3. MESSRS HAROLD V. HENDRIX AND ROBERT BERRELLEZ TESTIFIED 21 MARCH AND EXPLAINED THEIR REPORTING ON CHILEAN SITUATION IN 1970 TO APPARENT SATISFACTION OF COMMITTEE. THOUGH THERE WERE SHARP QUESTIONS ABOUT BERRELLEZ RELATIONSHIP WITH ALESSANDRI SUPPORTER ARTURO MATTE AND HENDRIX RECOMMENDATION TO HELP CHILEAN PRESS WITH ADVERTISEMENTS. NEAR END OF TESTIMONY HENDRIX DENIED EVER HAVING BEEN CIA AGENT AND AFTERWARDS WAS WARMLY THANKED FOR HIS APPEARANCE BY SEN. PERCY.

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