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Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of June 19 and the information from Senora Delano on a reported Christian Democratic hold-up of activity by women's organizations concerning the Presidential election.

My staff has been in contact with Des FitzGerald's staff on this subject, and I understand both staffs were surprised at this report and unaware of any such action, despite the fact that they are closely following women's activities affecting the election.

I have asked for a check in Santiago on this report, however, since I believe nothing should be left to chance regarding the effectiveness of anti-Allende action in this field. All of us concerned have been keenly aware of the decisive factor of the women's vote, especially given Frei's special appeal in this sector. I will let you know if any problems exist which cannot be quickly resolved.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas C. Mann
Assistant Secretary

The Honorable John A. McCone
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

cc: Mr. Desmond FitzGerald
Colonel J. C. King

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