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DDA 74-5036
30 DEC 1974

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- a. The volume certainly does not justify computerization. *Answer*
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John F. Blake
Deputy Director
for
Administration

cc: DDCI

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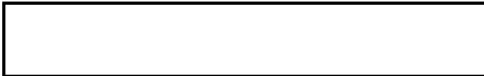
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22 October 1974

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Ms. Barbara Newton



Dear Ms. Newton,

Thank you for your letter of September 30 addressed to Mr. Colby.

Mr. Colby has asked me to send you a copy of his speech made before the Fund for Peace conference on September 13. The conference' topic was "CIA and Covert Activities". At the end of his statement, Mr. Colby spoke about the subject of Chile. I think you will find this helpful in your research.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angus MacLean Thuernmer

Angus MacLean Thuernmer
Assistant to the Director

Enc.

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Director,
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

As a result of a political science course entitled "Chilean Revolution" in which I am currently enrolled at Emory and Henry College, I am writing a research paper on "covert CIA activities in Chile".

After reading various newspaper articles, weekly newsletters called Latin America, several books on the Allende years (among which are Disaster in Chile by Les Evans and The Chilean Road to Socialism by Dale L. Johnson), and several books about the Central Intelligence Agency (such as The Invisible Government by David Wise and Thomas B. Ross and The Secret Team by L. Fletcher Prouty), it occurred to me that I was perhaps hearing one side of a many-sided story.

I would appreciate any direction you could give me toward finding information that would tell the recent history of Chile from a different perspective. I hope to be able to write a paper that is as fair and honest as possible.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Barbara Newton

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