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Dear Gerry,

How much the past is prologue!

If we ever get around to those oral histories, this is a reminder prompted by the current Chile developments.

Notes about my own investigations but about what I handled as a Washington magazine correspondent.

We had a man in Chile, where the post office, meaning all external communication, was under the control of native fascists. He had some hot stuff. He got that word to the editors who asked me for help. I knew an Assistant Attorney General and an Undersecretary of State and spoke to both. Both agreed to help and to make the pouch available.

When I got the film I took it to one of FDR's sons, I think Jimmy. I remember where and how.

FDR used this in his famous Latin America fireside chat. There was a real blueprint for a Nazi takeover in Santiago, as I recall.

Similar stuff on Cuba of that period.

Nothing new on ITT, either. I don't know if I can now find those old files but they must be in some box somewhere. ITT was very heavy in Latin America before World War II. I recall the head, Sosthenes Bone, had some kind of pro-Hitler record.

They had much to do with anti-US feeling because of their activities. I think this includes utilities. If anyone were to become interested in that period, I remember some sources.

It is possible I have the encapsulations of the Chile and Cuba stories in my copies of the magazine.

Best,

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