

# Report of CIA Bid to Back A Rightist Group in Chile

Washington

The Central Intelligence Agency sought to finance an extreme right-wing opposition group in Chile six weeks before the overthrow of President Salvador Allende in September, 1973, highly reliable sources said yesterday.

The sources said that the first word of the CIA's attempt to become involved with the extremist group became known two weeks ago when a close aide to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger leaked documents in an effort to discredit a former high Nixon administration intelligence official who was known to be privately critical of Kissinger's role in Chile.

The documents, although intended to show that there was a consensus inside the administration over the clandestine CIA operation in Chile, have instead raised new questions about the extent of the secret U.S. involvement in the overthrow of Allende.

The sources said that three summaries of proposals for clandestine CIA operations in Chile were leaked by Lawrence S. Eagleburger, Kissinger's execu-

tive assistant, at a briefing two weeks ago for Daniel Schorr, a CBS television newsman.

The documents had been prepared for meetings in 1970 and 1973 of the 40 Committee, the high-level intelligence board that reviews covert activities for the U.S. government.

The 1973 document showed, sources said, that as late as July 25, 1973, the CIA had recommended to the 40 Committee that \$200,000 be provided clandestinely to the National party in Chile, a conservative group that had publicly asserted a month earlier that the government of President Allende was "no longer legitimate." The party had also urged Chileans to reject — with violence if necessary — the Allende administration as "illegitimate and "unconstitutional."

Knowledgeable Ford administration officials have maintained, since the first published disclosures last month of the CIA operations in Chile, that the main goal of such efforts was to assist the center coalition and center liberal groups that, they alleged, were endangered by Allende's Marxist regime. The administration officials

also denied any CIA involvement in the overthrow.

It could not be learned whether the 40 Committee specifically approved the proposed funds for the National party.

However, William E. Colby, director of the CIA, told a House intelligence subcommittee earlier this year that \$1 million was authorized in August, 1973, for use in Chile. But Colby further testified that less than \$50,000 of the authorized funds was spent because the coup d'etat that ousted Allende took place the next month.

The purpose of Eagleburger's briefing for Schorr, the New York Times' sources said, was to rebut prior statements made to the newsman by Ray S. Cline, the former director or the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence who participated in deliberations of the 40 Committee on Chile between 1970 and 1973 and who has recently criticized Kissinger's role in those deliberations.

The deliberate leak of the documents took place less than a week after Kissinger, through his spokesman, had publicly castigated such leaks as "a disgrace to the Foreign Service" and as