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CHILE'S CONGRESS SETS C.I.A. INQUIRY

I.T.T. Role Another Target
but Doubt Is Voiced

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—The Chilean Congress has decided to investigate past activities of the United States Central Intelligence Agency and the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation reportedly aimed at keeping President Salvador Allende Gossens from taking office in 1970.

Both the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies called for the investigation after Hernán del Canto, Minister of the Interior, had reported on what he said was a plot by retired military officers and a small, right-wing opposition party to overthrow Dr. Allende last week.

The investigation will be conducted in the Chamber of Deputies. However, the anti-Marxist Opposition, which controls the Congress, questioned the evidence the Government has presented on both the C.I.A. activities and on the supposed plot.

The main opposition party, the Christian Democrats, announced that in protest it would organize a march open to "all democratic parties." The march, it said, would also serve to demonstrate opposition to the refusal by Dr. Allende's left-wing Government to authorize a march by women 10 days ago and another by private organizations Tuesday.

While Congress agreed to an investigation of the C.I.A. in Chile, a court of appeals released on \$82 bail the president of the Fatherland and Liberty movement, Pablo Rodríguez Grez, a lawyer who was accused by the Government prosecutor of fomenting the plot last week.

A retired general, Alberto Green Baquedano, and two retired junior army officers are being held in the plot, which the Government has said called for the assassination of Dr. Allende.

The investigation of the C.I.A. and the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, which has large investments here, stems from purported I.T.T. documents made public by Jack Anderson, the syndicated Washington columnist.

The documents, which suggest that I.T.T. employes, some of whom were in contact with the C.I.A. in Washington, tried unsuccessfully to promote a military coup to keep Dr. Allende from taking office, have caused a political storm here.

Ex-C.I.A. Director Cited

John A. McCone, a former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, has confirmed that executives of International Telephone & Telegraph Corporation had discussed moves against President Salvador Allende Crossens of Chile, the magazine Business Week said today.

Mr. McCone, now a member of the I.T.T. board of directors and its executive committee, was quoted as saying he had been consulted and that the company had told the United States Government that if it had a plan to block the election of Dr. Allende, "we'll help with it."

Far from disavowing the authenticity of the memorandum published by Mr. Anderson, Mr. McCone said they were written by I.T.T. staff members, according to Business Week.

I.T.T. spokesmen have denied as "without foundation in fact" allegations that the company had planned or participated in any plots against Dr. Allende in an effort to protect its properties in Chile against expropriation.