

\$500,000 Offer

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U.S. Firm Tried to Sway Chile Election

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Anaconda Co. and other concerns active in Latin America secretly offered to funnel \$500,000 through the State Department to a conservative candidate in the 1970 Chilean elections, State Department documents showed yesterday.

The documents, provided to the New York Times by Edward H. Korry, former ambassador to Chile, and independently verified by the Times, show that C. Jay Parkinson, former chairman of the board of Anaconda, who is also the president of the prestigious Council for Latin America, met on April 10, 1970, with high State Department officials to urge that the United States government actively intervene to prevent the election of Salvador Allende.

Parkinson, reached at his home in Glen Cove, N.Y., said he had "no recollection" of any offers of financial aid.

He did recall, he said, attending the State Department meeting in question, but said that the thrust of the presentation had been made by Jose L. DeCubas, who was then president of the Council for Latin America. "I simply went along," Parkinson said.

DeCubas, reached at his office here, said the council had "never offered any cash. I don't know whether council members did it or not," he added. "We have 200 members who do what they want."

The Korry documents show, however, that some members of the council offered to help provide political funds as part of a joint operation it was urging on the U.S. government.

The Council for Latin America, now known as the Council of the Americas, was organized in 1963 at the request of President John F.

Kennedy, who was then seeking more support for his Latin American policies. Its member companies control 85 per cent of the United States private investments in Latin America, and have wide influence in Washington.

The 1970 offer of financial aid in Chile, made to Charles A. Meyer, a former assistant secretary of state for Latin America, was rejected at the time, the documents show. There is no evidence that the offer involved anything illegal.

The documents provide the first published evidence that the council has ever been secretly active on behalf of politicians in Latin America. Such political activity has repeatedly been denied by council members.

Korry, who served as ambassador to Chile for 1967 to 1971, further charged in an interview and a statement that all copies of the State Department correspondence dealing with the April, 1970, Anaconda proposal had been removed — at the orders of the White House — from government files.

Among the missing documents, he said, is a cablegram he forwarded to Meyer at the State Department on April 28, 1970, urging that the Anaconda offer of financial assistance be rejected.

It became known through newspaper reports in late 1974 that the CIA had been authorized by President Nixon to mount a major clandestine operation against Allende, aimed at preventing his election late in 1970 and, failing that, making it impossible for him to govern.

Allende was slain during a coup in September, 1973.

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