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CHILE PROTESTS KLEIN STATEMENT

Sees 'Provocation' in View
Allende Won't Last Long

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 1 (AP)—Chile issued a formal protest tonight against statements attributed to two high United States officials that Marxist President Salvador Allende's Government won't last long.

Herbert G. Klein, the White House Director of Communications, was quoted as saying that he and Robert H. Finch got that "feeling" on their recent visit to Latin America. Mr. Finch was President Nixon's emissary on the good-will visit that did not include Chile.

Mr. Klein discussed the trip with 25 selected newsmen in Washington yesterday.

The Chilean Government delivered a protest note to Ambassador Nathaniel Davis. The note said the statement was a grave intervention in Chile's internal affairs and "has all the characteristics of a provocation of our Government."

Mr. Klein was quoted as having said that officials in Latin America believed the Allende Government was in danger because of economic troubles.

Mr. Klein was reported to have said he could not specify which of the officials in the six countries they visited had held such an opinion, but that he and Mr. Finch had talked to foreign ministers, presidents and other officials.

The Finch mission visited Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Honduras and Mexico.

Dr. Allende took office in November, 1970. He calls himself a Marxist. A coalition of left-wing parties and liberal elements of other parties voted him into office after the popular election was thrown into the legislature.

His Government has expropriated various United States properties, including those of several giant copper mines and holdings of International Telephone and Telegraph. No compensation has been announced for major properties, and this has become an issue of controversy between Santiago and Washington.

Incident Considered Closed

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2—The State Department said today it considered the Klein incident "closed."

The White House sought yesterday to soften the impact in Chile of Mr. Klein's remarks by saying that he had not addressed himself to the possibility of an overthrow of the Santiago regime. The White House spokesman did not, however, question the accuracy of quotations attributed to Mr. Klein.

Charles W. Bray 3d, a department spokesman, said the Chilean Government had been "apprised of the White House clarifications."