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) Henry Kissinger made that statement not in public, but at a secret White House meeting on June 27, 1970. The country he was referring to was **Chile**.

On that Saturday in June 1970, the main topic before the 40 Committee was: (

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) **The Chilean election was scheduled for the following September, and Allende, a declared Marxist, was one of the principal candidates. Although Allende had pledged to maintain the democratic system if he was elected, the U.S. ambassador to Chile (**

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This is what a page from Victor Marchetti and John Marks's book The CIA and The Cult of Intelligence looks like. Page after page of deletions and blank spaces. An appeals court recently ruled that the CIA has every right to censor the book. The court believes that Marchetti, a former CIA employee, has no right to tell the public what Kissinger said about Chile. And the public has no right to know.

We believe otherwise. The ACLU's defense of Marchetti's First Amendment rights forced the CIA to restore much of what it had earlier censored. The Union will now go to the Supreme Court in an attempt to remove the remaining deletions and fill in all the blank spaces.

Without a growing membership our defense of civil liberties would soon weaken. The Constitution would look like a page from Marchetti's book. Freedom of speech deleted. The right of privacy erased. Equal protection of the laws torn and shredded. Each of our rights slowly censored to death.

We need your help. Please join us now.

Sincerely,



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