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Human Rights Developments

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Chile: President Pinochet announced on 3 April that he is studying the possibility of granting amnesty to all persons convicted by military courts. He also announced that the sentences of two Air Force officers convicted in 1974 of plotting against the government have been commuted to exile and that they will be leaving for Europe soon. Their exile means that the government has released all of the high-visibility prisoners being held for political crimes. If Pinochet follows through with the mass release of remaining political prisoners, the issue will be virtually resolved. At least one international human rights organization is prepared to announce that Chile has made real progress on the human rights issue.

In other developments, Christian Democratic Party ideologue Jaime Castillo returned to Chile as expected after 20 months in exile. Meanwhile the Chilean Government probably will agree to expel Michael Townley, who has been questioned in Santiago about the assassination of former Ambassador Letelier. Townley will probably arrive in the United States soon to undergo further interrogation.



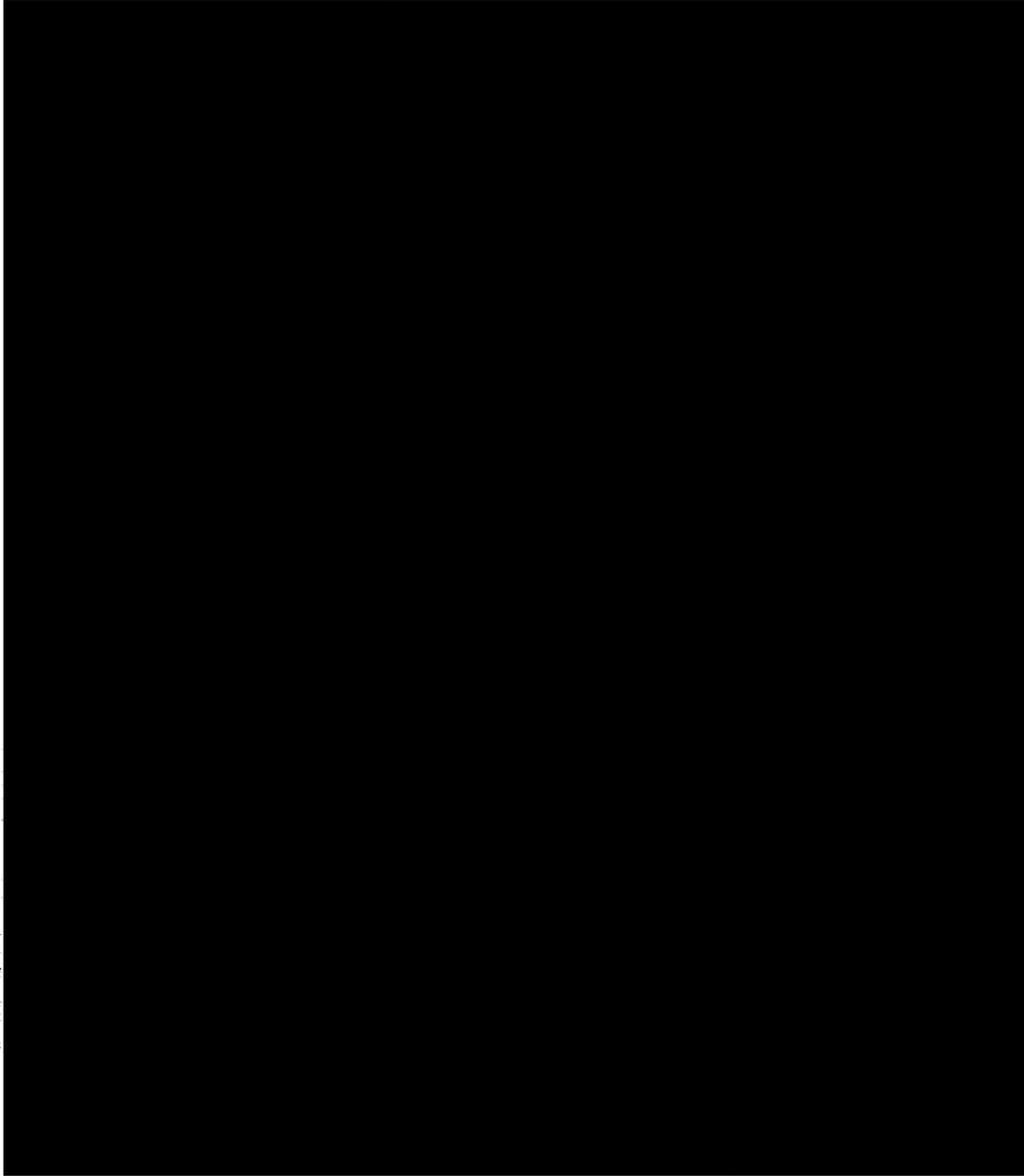
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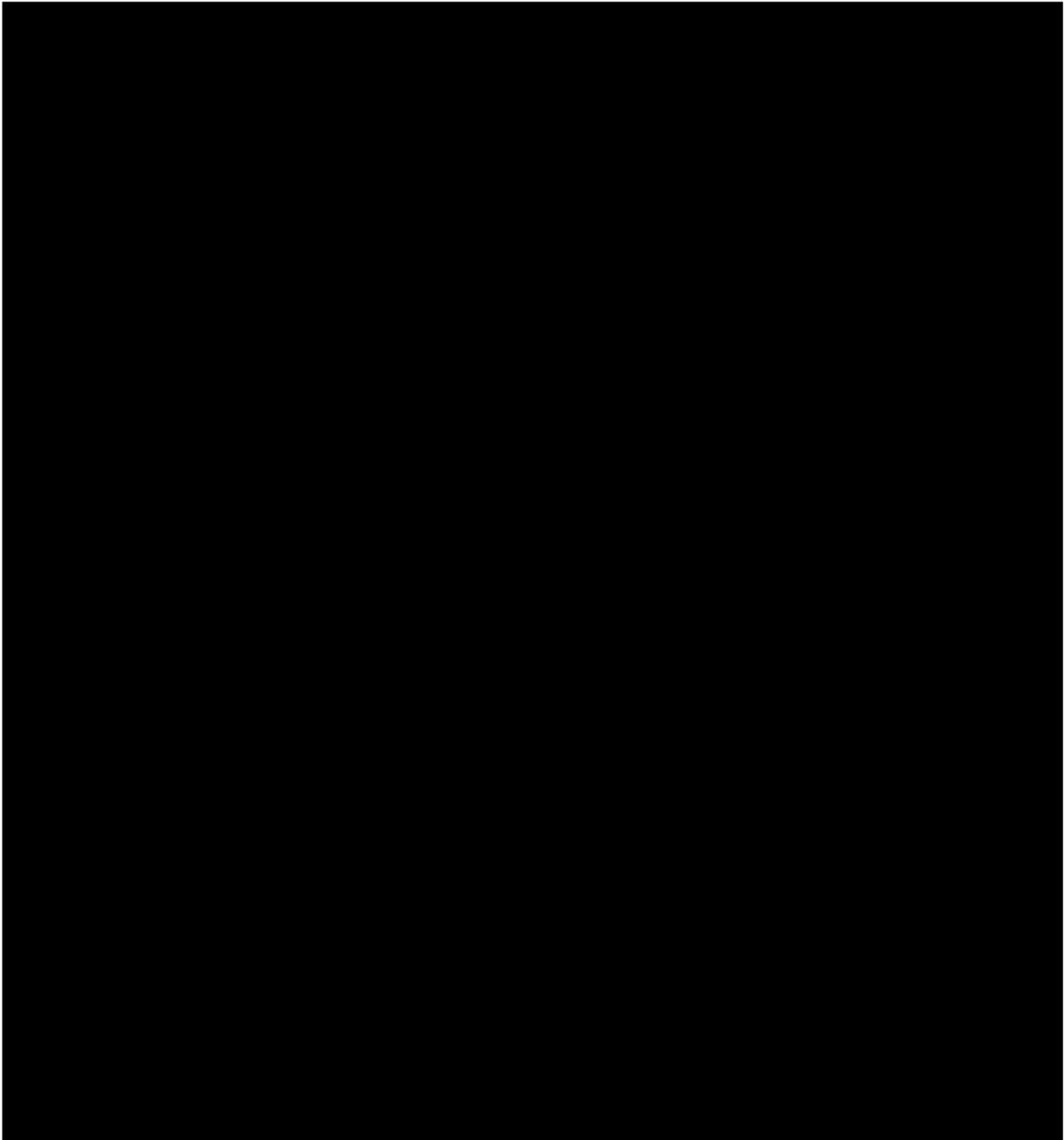
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