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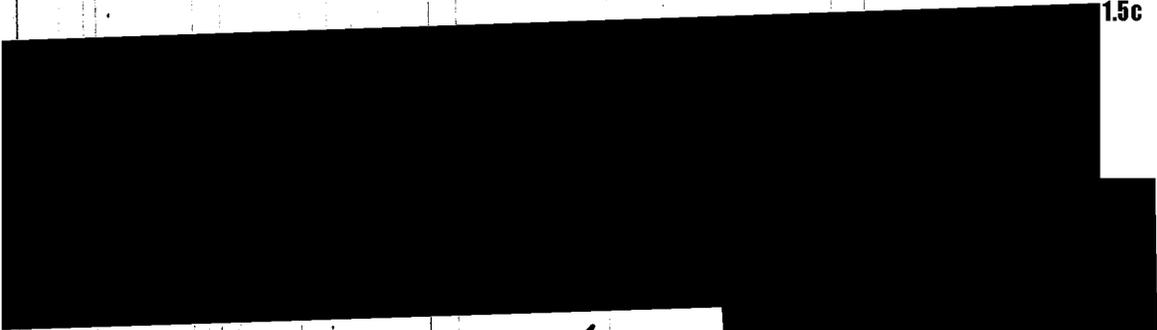
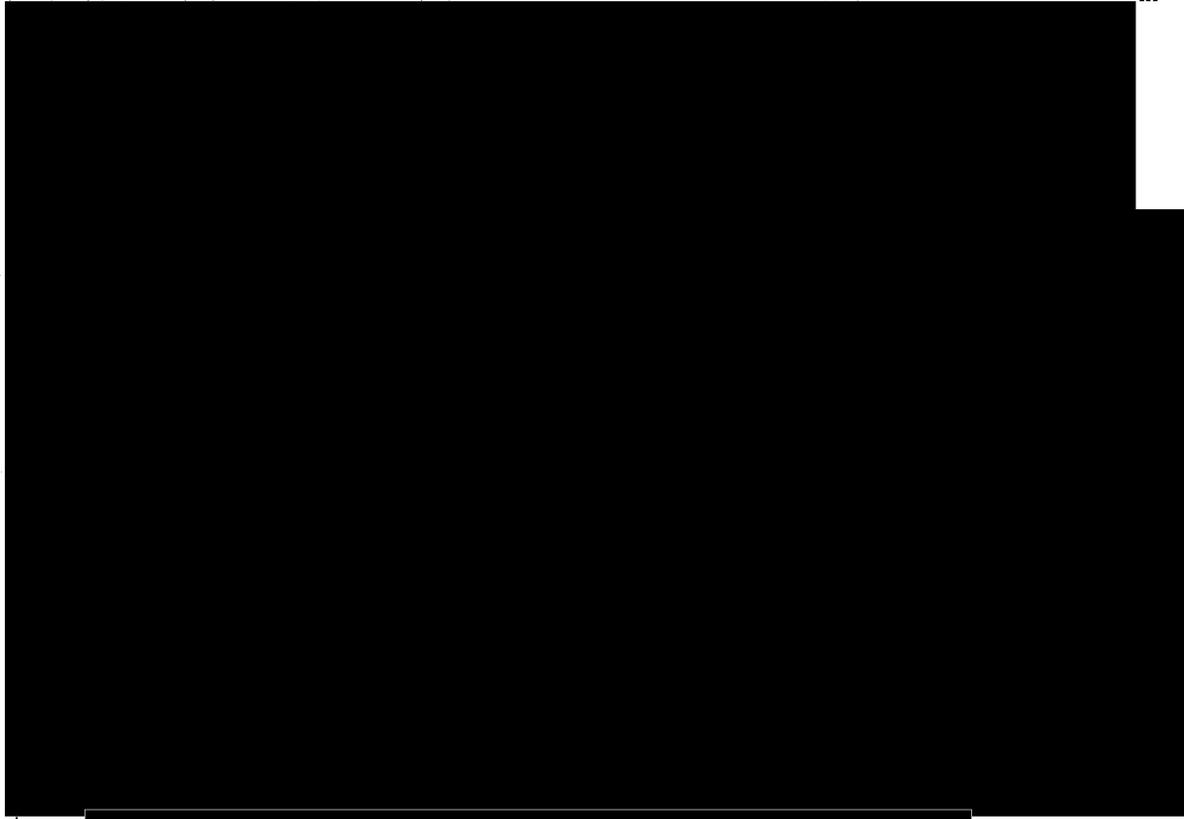
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SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO THE US STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS
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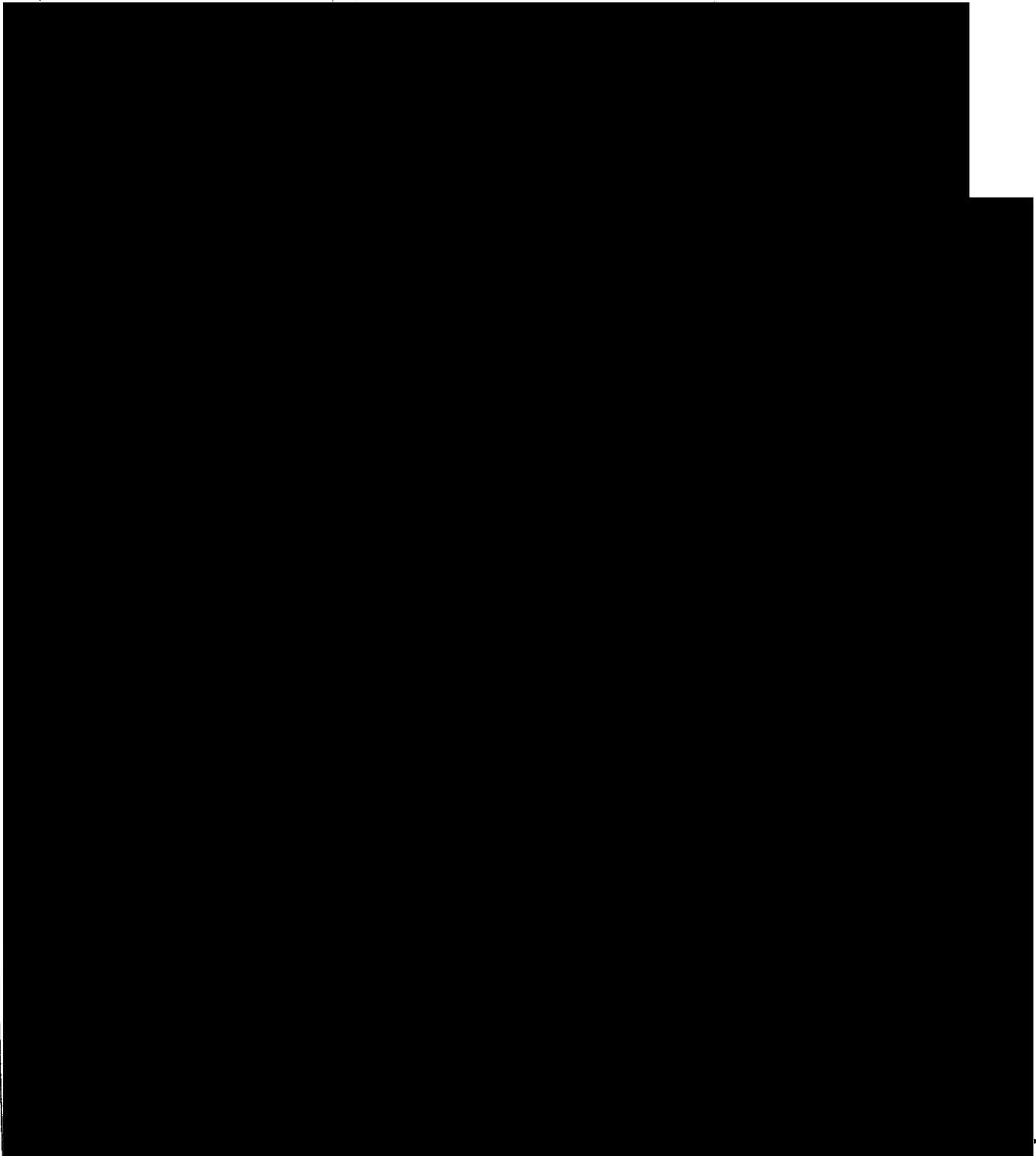


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-- *Chilean President Pinochet's choice of a highly respected retired army general to head the National Center for Information is the latest effort by the military regime to enhance its human rights image and improve relations with the US. The center was formed in August to replace the notorious National*

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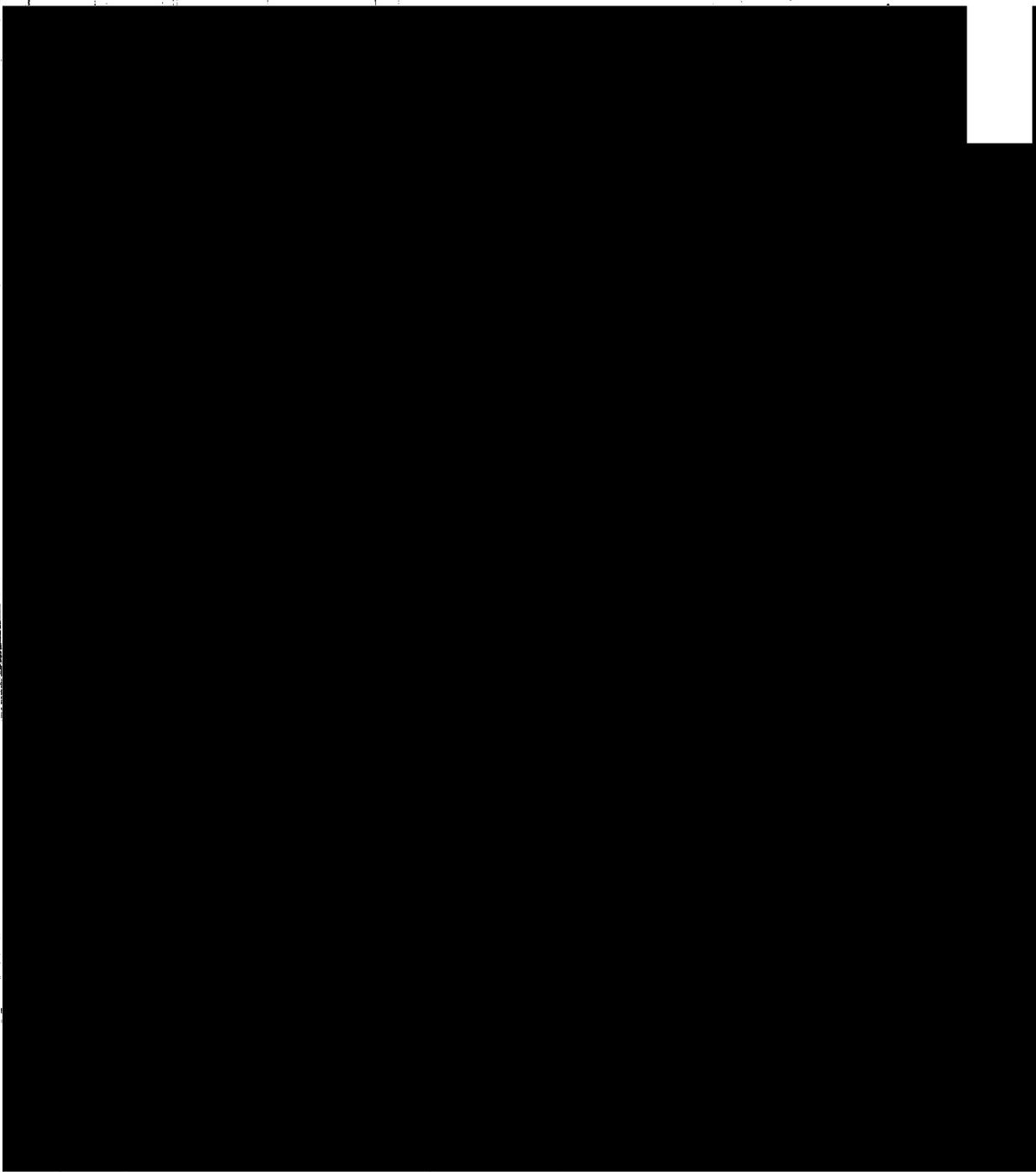
Intelligence Directorate (DINA). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Odlanier Mena Salinas would become head of the new agency, the Chilean Government appeared to be demonstrating its interest in responding to US concerns. Mena retired as director of Army Intelligence in 1976, [REDACTED] because he was concerned over human rights abuses and resented the expansion of DINA operations into what he considered to be Army areas of responsibility. Foreign Minister Carvajal told [REDACTED] Mena is "an excellent person" and that his appointment will be followed by other personnel changes in the new agency. Although former DINA chief Manuel Contreras [REDACTED] has been promoted to general, his shift to a less influential assignment within the Army seems to mark a substantial reduction of his role in the government.

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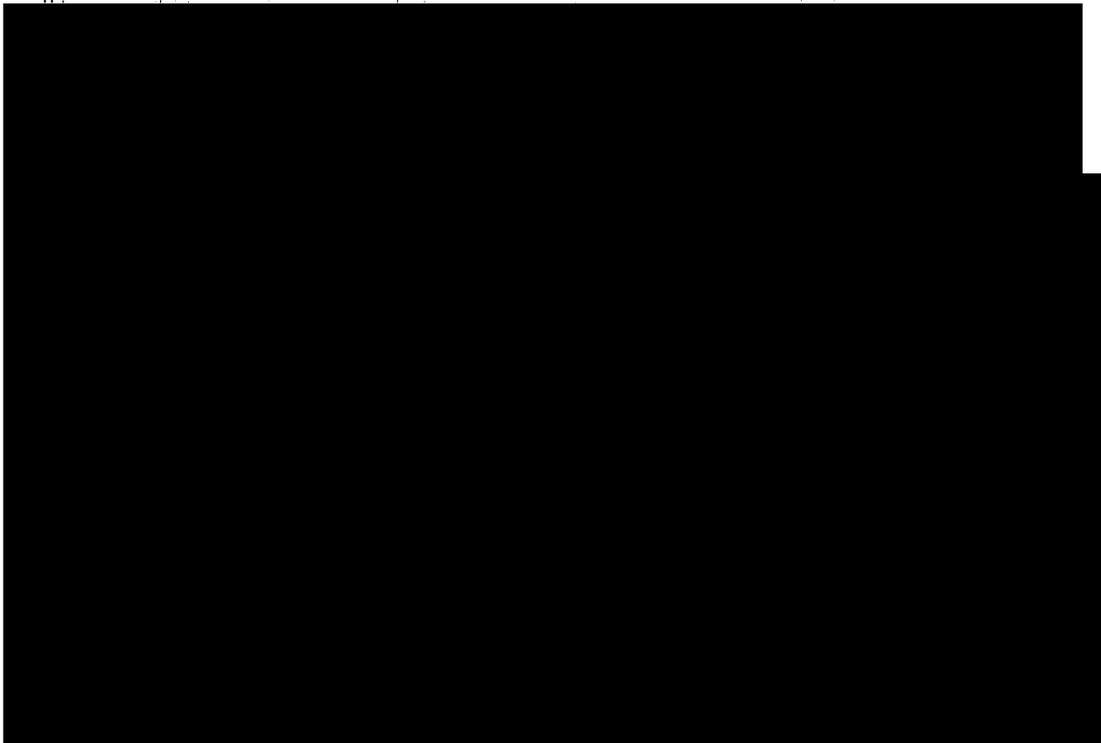
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