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1. IN EARLY APRIL 1973 PRESIDENT SALVADOR A L L E N D E TOLD A NUMBER OF LEADERS OF THE POPULAR UNITY (UP) GOVERNMENT THAT HE IS WORRIED ABOUT THE CLIMATE OF TENSION WHICH HE CLAIMS IS BUILDING IN THE COUNTRY. HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS GATHERING

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DATA IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE GROUP WHICH PLANNED THE OCTOBER 1972 GENERAL STRIKE IS INVOLVED IN PREPARATIONS AT THE PRESENT TIME FOR SIMILAR ACTION ALONG THESE LINES. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ALLENDE HAS PREVIOUSLY MADE REFERENCES TO WHAT HE CALLS A "BRAIN TRUST" WHICH IS PLOTTING MOVES AGAINST HIS GOVERNMENT. THE PRESIDENT BELIEVES IT WAS THIS "BRAIN TRUST" WHICH PLANNED THE OCTOBER STRIKE.) [REDACTED] COMMENT: ON 11 APRIL "LA TERCERA," INDEPENDENT DAILY NEWSPAPER, CARRIED A STATEMENT BY ANIBAL P A L M A, SECRETARY GENERAL OF GOVERNMENT, RELATING TO AN ALLEGED VAST PLAN BY RIGHTIST EXTREMISTS TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF TENSION AND UNREST IN CHILE. PALMA, WHO SAID HE WAS SPEAKING ON THE EXPRESS ORDERS OF PRESIDENT ALLENDE, ADDED THAT THE RIGHTISTS INTEND TO SEIZE INDUSTRIES AND BLOCK HIGHWAYS TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR OBJECTIVES. HE ALSO STATED THAT EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO MANIPULATE CERTAIN SECTORS OF SLUM DWELLERS TO SUPPORT THESE PLANS.)

2. ACCORDING TO ALLENDE, THE GROUP WHICH PLANNED THE OCTOBER STRIKE IS NOW TRYING TO CREATE TENSION IN THE COUNTRY AND TO PROMOTE FRICTION BETWEEN THE U.P. AND THE CHURCH, THE U.P. AND

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CHILEAN EDUCATORS, AND THE U.P. AND THE ARMED FORCES. ALLENDE ADDED THAT THE GROUP IS CURRENTLY USING THE UNIFIED EDUCATION

SYSTEM (ENU); WHICH HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND WHICH IS BEING OPPOSED BY THE FOREGOING THREE SECTORS, TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR OBJECTIVES.

3. TO COUNTERACT POSSIBLE FRICTION BETWEEN THE U.P. AND THE CHURCH AND ARMED FORCES OVER THE ENU ISSUE, THE PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH RAUL CARDINAL SILVA AND THE COMMANDERS OF THE ARMED FORCES TO EXPLAIN THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT PUSH THROUGH THE PROPOSED SYSTEM UNTIL BOTH SECTORS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE PROPOSAL CLOSELY AND EITHER APPROVED THE PLANS FOR ENU OR OFFERED SUGGESTIONS FOR MODIFICATION. ALLENDE ADDED THAT IN HIS 5 APRIL MEETING WITH THE SERVICE CHIEFS, THE MILITARY HAD REQUESTED THAT ENU NOT BE PUT INTO EFFECT WITHOUT ARMED FORCES APPROVAL. THE MILITARY CHIEFS ALSO TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT THE SERVICE SCHOOLS WERE OPPOSED TO THE ENU CONCEPT.

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[REDACTED] COMMENT: "EL MERCURIUM" OF 11 APRIL REPORTED THAT EDUCATION MINISTER JORGE TAPIA WAS TO MEET DURING THE MORNING OF 11 APRIL WITH THE HIGH COMMAND OF THE ARMY AND THE DIRECTORS

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OF ALL SERVICE SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE A BRIEFING ON WHAT THE ENU
ENTAILS. [REDACTED]
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4. THE PRESIDENT ALSO INDICATED THAT HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS WITH THE JUDICIARY. AS AN EXAMPLE, HE
SAID THAT HE THINKS THE GOVERNMENT WILL LOSE ITS CASE IN
CONCEPCION IN RELATION TO THE PROBLEM WITH T.V. CHANNEL FIVE,
AND THAT THE SUPREME COURT COULD VERY WELL UPHOLD THE MILITARY
COURT DECISION TO REDUCE THE SENTENCE OF FORMER GENERAL ROBERTO
V. I A U X, WHICH WOULD SIGNIFY THAT VIAUX WOULD BE RELEASED
FROM PRISON. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE CHANNEL FIVE CONTROVERSY
INVOLVES THE ATTEMPT BY CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY TO EXTEND ITS
PROGRAMING TO THE CONCEPCION AREA, A MOVE WHICH HAS BEEN STRONGLY
OPPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT. "EL SIGLO," OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH), OF 11 APRIL REPORTED THAT
THE SUPREME COURT WOULD INITIATE DELIBERATIONS TO REVIEW THE
MILITARY COURT RULING IN THE VIAUX CASE ON 11 APRIL. VIAUX
WAS ARRESTED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION OF GENERAL
RENE S C H N E I D E R, ARMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF IN OCTOBER

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1970, VIAUX'S SENTENCE WAS RECENTLY REDUCED TO TWO YEARS BY
A MILITARY COURT.)

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