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[REDACTED] A MEETING OF ARMY GENERALS WAS HELD [REDACTED] MAY 1973 TO DISCUSS THE SERIES OF DISORDERS WHICH WERE OCCURRING IN SANTIAGO. THE GENERALS AGREED THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY SHOULD BE DECLARED SO THAT ORDER COULD BE RESTORED. ADDITIONALLY, THE

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIM) LEARNED OF PLANS BY THE SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) TO USE VIOLENCE TO DISRUPT A PLANNED DEMONSTRATION BY THE RESIDENTS OF FOUR SANTIAGO SUBURBS AGAINST THE PRICE AND SUPPLY JUNTAS (JAPS) ON 6 MAY. THUS, THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND FELT THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY SHOULD BE CALLED SO THAT THE DEMONSTRATION WOULD BE CANCELLED AND THE POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER VIOLENT CONFRONTATION AVOIDED. [REDACTED]

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COMMENT: IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF 4 MAY, UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS SHOT AND KILLED A MEMBER OF THE EXTREME RIGHT-WING MOVEMENT, PATRIA Y LIBERTAD (P&L), AND WOUNDED SEVERAL OTHERS. ON 27 APRIL AN UNIDENTIFIED ASSAILANT SHOT AND KILLED A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH) IN FRONT OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) DURING A PRO-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATION. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THESE INCIDENTS WERE AT LEAST PARTIALLY THE REASON FOR THE 4 MAY MEETING OF ARMY GENERALS.)

2. PRESIDENT SALVADOR A L L E N D E WAS RELUCTANT TO ACCEDE TO THE WISHES OF THE ARMY REGARDING A STATE OF EMERGENCY. THE U.P. GOVERNMENT HAD HEARD THAT SEVERAL MILITARY UNITS HAD MOBILIZED THEIR FORCES WITHOUT ANY PRE-ARRANGED PLAN AND THE MILITARY IN ANTOFAGASTA HAD BEEN PLACED ON

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ALERT STATUS. AS A RESULT OF THIS INFORMATION, THE PRESIDENT MOBILIZED THE PS AND PCCH SELF-DEFENSE UNITS IN THE SANTIAGO AREA AND THEY IMMEDIATELY MOVED INTO KEY POSITIONS IN THE CAPITAL. [REDACTED] COMMENT: IT WAS THIS MOBILIZATION WHICH LED TO THE CONFRONTATION WITH, AND SUBSEQUENT SHOOTING OF, MEMBERS OF P&L ON 4 MAY.) [REDACTED] COMMENT: THERE IS NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM THE ALLEGED MOBILIZATION OF SOME MILITARY UNITS OR THE PLACEMENT OF THE MILITARY IN ANTOFAGASTA ON ALERT STATUS. THE SPECULATION THAT PS AND PCCH SELF-DEFENSE UNITS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK AGAINST P&L IS INTERESTING IN VIEW OF THE PUBLIC DENIALS BY THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR) THAT IT WAS INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT.)

3. THE PS AND PCCH WERE OPPOSED ALSO TO A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY, SINCE THEY WANTED TO KEEP THEIR GROUPS IN THE STREETS IN ORDER TO GIVE AN IMPRESSION OF STRENGTH; HOWEVER, DESPITE HIS RELUCTANCE AND THE PS AND PCCH OPPOSITION, ALLENDE EVENTUALLY AGREED TO THE ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE MILITARY. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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IT WAS FELT THAT SUCH ACTION FAVORED THE MILITARY AND  
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