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1. THE CORPS OF CARABINEROS (NATIONAL UNIFORMED POLICE) WOULD NOT CONFRONT THE ARMED SERVICES IF THE LATTER DECIDED TO MOVE AGAINST THE POPULAR UNITY (U.P.) GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT SALVADOR A L L E N D E. IF THE MILITARY WERE TO ATTEMPT A COUP D'ETAT, THE CARABINEROS WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT. WHILE SENTIMENT AGAINST THE U.P. IS WIDESPREAD WITHIN THE LOWER RANKS OF THE POLICE, COLONELS AND GENERAL OFFICERS HOLD A NEUTRAL ATTITUDE TOWARD THE GOVERNMENT. THE COLONELS WANT TO BECOME GENERALS AND CONSEQUENTLY

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WILL NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY RISKY ACTIONS UNLESS THEIR IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR KNEW ABOUT IT AND COULD PROTECT THEM. FOR THEIR PART, THE GENERALS WANT TO AVOID FORCED RETIREMENT AND, THEREFORE, OBEY REGULATIONS AND ORDERS. IN ADDITION, THE U.P. HAS RATHER CLOSE RELATIONS THROUGH THE MASONIC LODGE WITH THE 13 OF 15 CARABINERO GENERALS WHO ARE MASONS. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THE GENERALS SUPPORT THE U.P., BUT THEY ARE NOT OPENLY AGAINST ALLENDE.

2. AT LEAST TWO KEY CARABINERO GENERALS IN SANTIAGO- RUBEN A L V A R E Z OYARZUN, WHO WANTS VERY BADLY TO BECOME THE ORGANIZATION'S DIRECTOR GENERAL, AND FABIAN ENRIQUE P A R A D A HORMAZABAL, CHIEF OF THE SANTIAGO PREFECTURE- WOULD PROBABLY OPPOSE ANY MOVE TO UNSEAT THE U.P. GOVERNMENT. ALVAREZ REMAINS VERY CLOSE TO ALLENDE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE HIS DESIRE. HE SUPPORTED THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EDUARDO F R E I, AND OPPOSED THE REBELLION OF THE TACNA ARTILLERY REGIMENT IN 1969. PARADA HAS SAID HE WOULD SUPPORT THE U.P. GOVERNMENT "TO THE END." [redacted] COMMENT: ALVAREZ IS THE MOST CAPABLE GENERAL IN THE CARABINEROS. IF HE WERE TO BECOME DIRECTOR GENERAL, HE WOULD NOT ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT TO PLACE THE INSTITUTION

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3. DESPITE RUMORS OF NAVY AND AIR FORCE DISCONTENT WITH THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION AND WILLINGNESS TO FORCE A CONFRONTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT, NO CONTACT HAS APPARENTLY OCCURRED BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES AND THE CARABINEROS AT THE GENERAL OFFICER LEVEL. [REDACTED] COMMENT: IN SANTIAGO AND IN OTHER LOCATIONS, SEVERAL SENIOR CARABINERO OFFICERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN PAST DISCUSSIONS ON THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT REMAIN ON ACTIVE DUTY.)

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