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1. [REDACTED], remarked that the Soviet non-diplomatic community in Chile was subjected to exceptionally rough treatment by the Chilean army following the 11 September 1973 coup d'etat.

2. Soviet technicians, such as civil engineers and housing construction specialists, as well as members of their families, were repeatedly threatened, orally abused, and menaced with bayonets. Most of them were prevented from establishing contact with the Soviet Embassy in Santiago. Those that tried were physically restrained and some were injured. The most flagrant example of mistreatment was against a Soviet merchant ship captain who attempted to prevent Chilean troops from boarding his ship. He was badly beaten and thrown through an open hatch to the bottom of the hold, a drop of some 18 feet. The severely injured captain was evacuated on the first emergency flight out of Chile to Cuba and is now in a Havana hospital.

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