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1. MORALE OF THE OFFICER CORPS OF THE CARABINEROS (UNIFORMED NATIONAL POLICE) IS DROPPING STEADILY AS A RESULT OF THE RISE IN THE COST OF LIVING COMPARED WITH THE LOW SALARIES OF THE CARABINEROS, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY BECAUSE OF THE STATE OF THE INSTITUTION ITSELF AS A RESULT OF THE MILITARY CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE MAJORITY OF THE CARABINEROS CONTINUE TO OPPOSE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ORGANIZATION WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE JURISDICTION OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND PLACED UNDER THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND GENERAL M E N D O Z A,

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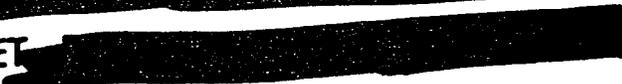
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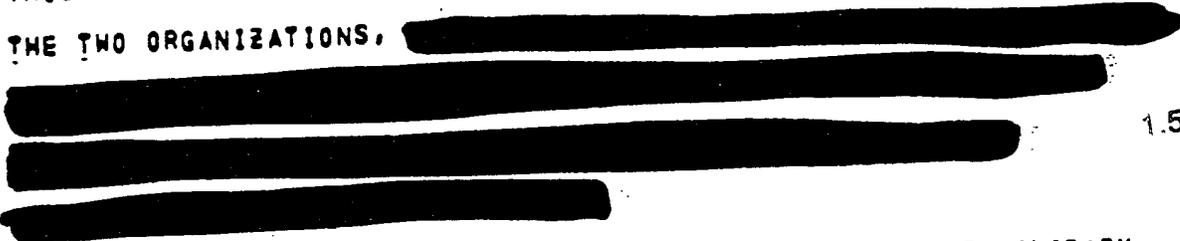
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COMMANDER OF THE CARABINEROS, HAS FINALLY FELT THIS DISCONTENT. AS A RESULT, MENDOZA IS TALKING SUCH A MOVE IN ORDER TO GET THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JUNTA TO CHANGE THEIR MINDS.

2. ANOTHER CAUSE FOR DISCONTENT IS THAT THE ARMY IS ACCUSING THE CARABINEROS OF BEING TOO SOFT AND INEFFICIENT IN THEIR JOBS AS A RESULT OF THE NUMBER OF WANTED PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET INTO EMBASSIES TO REQUEST ASYLUM. USING THE PRETEXT THAT THE CARABINEROS ARE SHORT OF PERSONNEL, THE ARMY IS SUGGESTING THAT IT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE OVER THE JOB OF GUARDING THE EMBASSIES. MENDOZA IS OPPOSED TO SUCH A MOVE.

3. AN ADDITIONAL POINT OF IRRITATION IS THAT MILITARY ELEMENTS, AT LEAST AT THE LOWER LEVELS, TREAT THE CARABINEROS WITH DISRESPECT, REFUSING TO SHOW THEIR CREDENTIALS DESPITE ORDERS. THIS HAS LED TO A NUMBER OF INCIDENTS AND CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS,



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4. MOST CARABINERO OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT THE WAY THE MILITARY IS TREATING THE CIVILIAN POPULATION IS A MISTAKE WHICH WILL

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COME BACK TO HAUNT THEM IN THE FUTURE. THEY ARE ESPECIALLY UNHAPPY ABOUT THE CONTINUATION OF SUMMARY EXECUTIONS OF SUSPECT EXTREMISTS, DESPITE THE GOVERNMENT'S RECENT PUBLICIZED ORDER FORBIDDING SAME. TO BACK UP THEIR CLAIM THAT SUCH ACTIVITY IS STILL GOING ON, CARABINERO OFFICERS CITE THE NIGHT OF 29 OCTOBER, WHEN 20 BODIES WERE FOUND IN THE SAN CARLOS CANAL. ALL WERE MEN WHO HAD BEEN SHOT AND NONE HAD IDENTITY DOCUMENTS. THE CARABINEROS MAINTAIN THAT FOR EACH PERSON SHOT, THERE ARE AT LEAST 10 FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WILL HOLD HATRED FOR THE MILITARY WHOM THEY BLAME.

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