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3. [REDACTED] TOLD PINGCHET THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT RESPONDED IN A REASSURING WAY TO THE SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE CHURCH CONCERNING THE PROBLEMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS THAT HAVE ARISEN AS A RESULT OF THE STATE OF WAR SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE STATE OF WAR HAS GONE ON TOO LONG, AND WITH IT AN ALMOST COMPLETE LACK OF GUARANTEES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED HIS OPINION THAT A LARGE PART OF THE PROBLEM WAS DUE TO THE SIGNIFICANT RIGHTIST INFLUENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH HE CONSIDERED A SERIOUS ERROR. HE SAID THAT AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE RIGHTISTS WERE CONSTANTLY TRYING TO PRODUCE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PDC. [REDACTED] NOTED THAT ATTACKS AGAINST THE PDC WERE MADE IN THE MEDIA WITH AT LEAST THE TACIT APPROVAL

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OF THE GOVERNMENT.

4. PINOCHET SAID HE IS AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE IS RESTRICTED IN HIS ABILITY TO SOLVE THEM BECAUSE THE JUNTA IS COMPOSED OF FOUR MEN. HE SAID THAT ON THE SUBJECT OF PDC, HE AND CARABINEROS (UNIFORMED NATIONAL POLICE) GENERAL CESAR M E N D O Z A FOLLOW A POSITION OF MODERATION; BUT ADMIRAL JOSE M E R I N O AND AIR FORCE GENERAL GUSTAVO L E I G H ARE MUCH MORE SEVERE AND UNYIELDING IN THEIR VIEW OF THE PDC.

5. PINOCHET SAID THAT THE STATE OF WAR WOULD CONTINUE DURING THIS YEAR BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT MANY ARMS CACHES OF THE LEFT HAVE STILL NOT BEEN DISCOVERED. [REDACTED]

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IN ANSWER TO A REQUEST [REDACTED] THAT THE TRIALS OF PRISONERS BE EXPEDITED, PINOCHET SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT READY TO BEGIN SOME TRIALS BECAUSE THE PROSECUTORS WERE HAVING DIFFICULTY ASSEMBLING THE EVIDENCE, AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT GO TO THE COURT UNTIL IT HAD THE PROPER EVIDENCE.

6 [REDACTED] ADVISED PINOCHET TO CHANGE THE JUNTA TO A ONE-

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MAN PRESIDENCY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PINOCHET REPLIED THAT HE WAS AWARE THIS WOULD SOLVE MANY PROBLEMS, BUT HE SAID THAT SUCH A SOLUTION WOULD NOT BE EASY. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE IDEA OF A ROTATIONAL PRESIDENCY HAS BEEN DISCARDED.

7. [REDACTED]

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8. [REDACTED]

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9. [REDACTED]

COMMENTS: WHILE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PINOCHET FELT THE NEED TO MEET WITH [REDACTED], IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED THAT PINOCHET'S REMARKS ARE POLITICAL IN NATURE AND

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