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1. [REDACTED]

2. COMMENT: [REDACTED] PRESS HAS COVERED IN DETAIL THE GOVERNMENT'S SUMMARY EXPULSION FROM CHILE ON 26 NOVEMBER OF RENAN F U E N T E A L B A, PROMINENT LEFTWING LEADER OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC), FOLLOWING THE LATTER'S ISSUANCE OF STATEMENTS CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT IN AN INTERVIEW WITH AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE (AFP). [REDACTED]

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3. ON [REDACTED] NOVEMBER, JUNTA PRESIDENT AUGUSTO P I N O C H E T TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE MADE THE DECISION TO EXPEL FUENTEALBA BECAUSE IT WAS OBVIOUS FROM EVIDENCE GATHERED BY THE GOVERNMENT THAT THE LATTER'S INTERVIEW WAS DELIBERATELY DESIGNED TO PROVOKE THE GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] PRESS OF 30 NOVEMBER PUBLISHED CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE AFP CORRESPONDENT IN SANTIAGO AND HIS HOME OFFICE IN PARIS IN WHICH HE STATED THAT FUENTEALBA, "WHO IS AN OLD FOX," MUST HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THE EFFECT THE PUBLICATION OF HIS INTERVIEW WOULD PRODUCE. THE AFP CORRESPONDENT SPECULATED THAT FUENTEALBA WAS IN FACT LOOKING FOR A CONFRONTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT, BUT THAT HE NEVER EXPECTED SUCH A RAPID REACTION OR SUCH SEVERE PUNISHMENT.) 1.5 (c)

4. PINOCHET TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE INTENTIONALLY DECIDED TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF FUENTEALBA IN ORDER TO PROVE TO THE VARIOUS POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT THE POLITICAL RECESS CANNOT BE CIRCUMVENTED. HE SAID THAT SINCE THE ARREST OF POLITICIANS ONLY CREATED LONG RANGE PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEMS FOR THE GOVERNMENT, DIRECT EXPULSION FOR ENGAGING IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY WAS THE MORE PRACTICAL SOLUTION. PINOCHET SAID THAT SIMILAR ACTS BY POLITICIANS IN THE FUTURE WILL BE MET WITH THE SAME TYPE OF PUNISHMENT.

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5. [REDACTED]

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6. IN EARLY DECEMBER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID THAT IN A [REDACTED] MEETING ON [REDACTED] DECEMBER WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE LATTER SAID THAT HE DISAGREED WITH PINOCHET'S DECISION TO EXPEL FUENTEALBA. [REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED] HE TOLD PINOCHET THAT IF THE DECISION TO EXPEL FUENTEALBA WERE FOLLOWED TO ITS LOGICAL CONCLUSION, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO EITHER JAIL OR EXPEL MORE THAN A THIRD OF THE POPULATION.

7. [REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED] TOLD HIM PINOCHET HAD WANTED TO ARREST ALL THE PDC LEADERS WHO MET TO SIGN THE DECLARATION CRITICIZING THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION AGAINST FUENTEALBA.

[REDACTED] SAID THAT WITH DIFFICULTY, HE CONVINCED PINOCHET NOT TO TAKE SUCH ACTION. ([REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED])

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[REDACTED] STRONGLY CRITIZED THE DECISION TO FUENTEALBA, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT WAS EFFECTED ON THE EVE DEPARTURE FOR EUROPE TO DISCUSS CHILE'S INTERNATIONAL DEBT. DECEMBER, [REDACTED] CONFIRMED THE FACT THAT PINOCHET WANTED TO EXPEL ALL PDC LEADERS WHO SIGNED THE DECLARATION BACKING FUENTEALBA; HOWEVER, HE WAS PERSUADED BY HIS ADVISORS (NOT FURTHER SPECIFIED) THAT SUCH A MOVE WOULD BE TOO DRASTIC.)

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