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1. [REDACTED] PRESIDENT AUGUSTO PINOCHET SAID THAT HE FULLY RECOGNIZED THAT THE CHILEAN PERFORMANCE IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA MUST IMPROVE AND THAT HE WOULD TAKE POSITIVE STEPS IN THIS DIRECTION WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. [REDACTED]

AGREED WITH PINOCHET, AND IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT MEASURES ALONG THIS LINE WOULD NOT ONLY IMPROVE CHILE'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE BUT ALSO MIGHT FACILITATE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.

2. [REDACTED]

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EXPRESSING THE MINORITY VIEW, ARGUED AGAINST ANY SIGNIFICANT
MODIFICATION IN THE GOVERNMENT'S PRESENT TOUGH SECURITY POLICY,
WHICH HAS SUCCEEDED IN NEUTRALIZING THE LEFT IN CHILE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OPENLY DISAGREED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATING THAT THE ARMY WANTED A CHANGE IN POLICY.

3. FOLLOWING THE MEETING, PINOCHET [REDACTED]
THAT HE HAD RECEIVED STRONG OPPOSITION FROM OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE
ANTI-SUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN TO A STATEMENT HE HAD PLANNED TO MAKE IN
HIS 31 DECEMBER SPEECH TO THE NATION. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] F
[REDACTED]

4. PINOCHET SAID THAT WHILE HE HAD GIVEN IN TO THIS OPPOSITION,
HE WAS NOW CONVINCED THAT DEFINITE ACTION MUST BE TAKEN ON THE
HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION, ON 3 JANUARY, PINOCHET NAMED A SIX-MAN CIVIL-

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IAN COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PROBLEM AND MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY. AMONG THOSE ON THE COMMITTEE ARE JAIME G U Z M A N, JURIDICAL AND GEMIAL ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENCY, AND ALVARO P U G A, PUBLIC RELATIONS ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENCY.

[REDACTED] COMMENT: WHILE THE COMMITTEE IS CONSERVATIVE IN CHARACTER, A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE SOME SERIOUS MISTAKES IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA. THE NOTABLE EXCEPTION IS PUGA, WHOM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HOPE THEY CAN PERSUADE TO TAKE A MORE REASONABLE POSITION. COLONEL MANUEL C O N T R E R A S, CHIEF OF THE DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA), IS SEEN AS THE OTHER MAJOR VOICE OF OPPOSITION TO ANY SOFTENING OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY.)

9. **[REDACTED]** COMMENT: THE SPAN BETWEEN LIP SERVICE AND MEANINGFUL ACTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS MAY YET PROVE TO BE A GIANT STEP. CERTAINLY, KEY MILITARY OFFICERS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN SECURITY ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE TO RESIST ANY CHANGE. NEVERTHELESS, MORE INFLUENTIAL CHILEAN LEADERS ARE RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT NOW THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE THE OVERTHROW OF THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1973.)

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