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2. DURING THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, THERE HAS BEEN INCREASING CRITICISM WITHIN HIGH LEVELS OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING UNAUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES OF THE DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA). SEVERAL ARMY GENERALS HAVE APPROACHED PRESIDENT AUGUSTO PINOCHET AND PRESENTED CORROBORATED ACCOUNTS OF TORTURE AND MISTREATMENT OF DETAINEES BY THE DINA. THEY HAVE ALSO PRESENTED PROOFS OF AMATEUR TACTICS

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ON THE PART OF DINA OFFICIALS IN THE COURSE OF THE LATTERS' INTELLIGENCE COLLECTING ACTIVITIES. A NUMBER OF HIGH RANKING ARMY OFFICERS AGREE THAT DINA'S METHODS OF OPERATION HAVE DONE A GREAT DEAL TO TARNISH CHILE'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE.

3. PINOCHET HAS NOT YET MADE A DECISION REGARDING CHANGES IN DINA; HOWEVER, SEVERAL SENIOR GENERALS PLAN TO CONTINUE PRESSING HIM FOR REFORM MEASURES. ONE SUGGESTION TO BE PRESENTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE IS THAT DINA BE REMOVED FROM SUBORDINATION TO THE PRESIDENCY AND BE PLACED UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ALONG WITH THE OTHER INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF THE ARMED FORCES. IF THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, A SECOND SUGGESTION IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT CREATE A SECURITY COUNCIL ORGANISM WHICH WOULD CONTROL ALL INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES. [REDACTED] COMMENT: IN MAKING ANY REFORMS IN DINA, PINOCHET WILL PROBABLY DEAL WITH ITS DIRECTOR, CORONEL JUAN MANUEL CONTRERAS, IN A FRIENDLY MANNER BECAUSE THE TWO HAVE HAD A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP DATING BACK TO WHEN CONTRERAS WAS PINOCHET'S AIDE AT THE WAR ACADEMY.)

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5. PINOCHET WAS VERY UPSET BY A 9 JANUARY ARTICLE IN THE "WALL STREET JOURNAL" WRITTEN BY EVERETT HARRIS WHICH CITED SPECIFIC CASES OF DINA'S EXCESSES. PINOCHET, HOWEVER, REFUSES TO ISSUE WRITTEN ORDERS CONCERNING THE MATTER, SINCE THAT WOULD REPRESENT A TACIT ADMISSION THAT THE ABUSES HAVE OCCURRED; BUT HE HAS RECENTLY ISSUED EXPLICIT VERBAL ORDERS TO COMMANDERS AT ALL LEVELS TO HALT SUCH PRACTICES.

6. IN ADDITION, WHILE SOME 50 OFFICERS AND 120 ENLISTED MEN, NOT LIMITED TO DINA, HAVE BEEN PUNISHED FOR SUCH ABUSES SINCE THE MILITARY TAKEOVER IN SEPTEMBER 1973, PINOCHET REFUSES TO ALLOW ANY PUBLICITY OF THIS FACT. AMONG THE FOREGOING FIGURES WERE TWO CAPTAINS (NOT IDENTIFIED) WHO WERE CASHIERED FROM THE SERVICE AND SUBSEQUENTLY TRIED AND CONVICTED BY CIVILIAN COURTS.

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SOME OF PINOCHET'S ADVISORS ARE TRYING TO CONVINC HIM THAT LIMITED PUBLICITY OF GOVERNMENT COUNTER-ACTION OF ABUSES WOULD HELP CHILE'S IMAGE, BUT SO ARE PINOCHET REMAINS UNCONVINCED.

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