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1. [REDACTED] FREDERICK WILLOUGHBY,
PRESS SECRETARY TO THE CHILEAN JUNTA, OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED THE
JUNTA THAT HE WAS RESIGNING FROM HIS POSITION AND WOULD LEAVE
HIS POST AS OF 1 FEBRUARY. WILLOUGHBY MADE IT CLEAR TO ALL
MEMBERS OF THE JUNTA THAT HE STRONGLY DISAGREES WITH THE RECENT
PRESS LAW WHICH FURTHER RESTRICTS FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IN CHILE

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AND MAKES IT MOST DIFFUCULT FROM HIM TO PERFORM EFFECTIVELY AS JUNTA PRESS SECRETARY.

2. [REDACTED] WILLOUGHBY HAD A HEATED DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT AUGUSTO P I N O C H E T, OVER THE NEW PRESS LAW. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN JANUARY, UPON LEARNING OF WILLOUGHBY'S INTENTION TO RESIGN, ALL FOUR

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MEMBERS OF THE JUNTA STRONGLY REQUESTED HIM TO REMAIN ON THE JOB. PINOCHET EVEN SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO ISSUE A DECREE ABOLISHING THE DECEMBER PRESS LAW. WILLOUGHBY TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT SUCH A REVERSAL RIGHT NOW WOULD PLACE THE JUNTA IN A WORSE LIGHT AND GIVE THE WORLD THE IMPRESSION THEY WERE LESS THAN SERIOUS PEOPLE AND PRONE TO TAKE PRECIPITATE ACTIONS.

4. AT THE REQUEST OF PINOCHET, WILLOUGHBY DID AGREE TO EXPLAIN TO THE PUBLIC THAT HE WAS RESIGNING FOR REASONS OF POOR HEALTH, WHICH IS PARTIALLY TRUE. HE ALSO MADE IT CLEAR TO THE JUNTA THAT HE WAS STILL A SUPPORTER AND A FRIEND AND WOULD DO ALL POSSIBLE AS A PRIVATE JOURNALIST TO ASSIST THE JUNTA IN ITS DIFFICULT TASK.

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