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2. THE ONLY ACTIVITY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH) AT PRESENT IS A REORGANIZATION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL BECAUSE OF THE MASSIVE ARRESTS CARRIED OUT AGAINST THE PARTY BY THE GOVERNMENT PRIOR TO THE SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OASGA). SINCE EARLY MAY 1976 THE FOLLOWING CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED: VICTOR DIAZ LOPEZ, WHO HAS BEEN SERVING AS SECRETARY GENERAL SINCE THE IMPRISONMENT OF LUIS CORVALAN; MARIO ZAMORANO

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DONOSO; LUIS RAFAEL C O R T E Z; JAIME D O N A T O; JORGE  
 M U N O Z; CESAR C E R D A ; BERNARDO A R A Y A ZUELETA; AND  
 LENIN D I A Z. ( [REDACTED] COMMENT: RUMORS CIRCULATING WITHIN THE  
 PCCH INDICATE THAT VICTOR DIAZ AND SAMORANO HAVE DIED SINCE THEIR  
 IMPRISONMENT AS WELL AS JOSE W E I B E L NAVARETTE AND HIS  
 BROTHER, W E I B E L (FNU).)

3. [REDACTED] COMMENTS:

A. ON [REDACTED] JUNE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTED THAT THE SECURITY SERVICES HAD ARRESTED JUAN  
 RENE O R E L L A N A, MANUEL G U E R R E R O AND ANTONIO  
 M A T U R A N A, ALL PCCH CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS. MATURANA  
 WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED DURING THE ARREST AND MAY NOT SURVIVE.

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B. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTED THE ARRESTS OF FOUR CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE  
 PCCH DURING THE WEEK OF 9 MAY. PCCH LEADERS REGARD THIS AS THE  
 SEVEREST SETBACK THE PARTY HAS SUFFERED SINCE THE MILITARY  
 TAKEOVER IN SEPTEMBER 1973.)

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7. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]  
 AND [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY 500 MIDDLE AND HIGH  
 LEVEL LEADERS OF THE PCCH WERE ARRESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT BETWEEN  
 1 MAY AND 15 JUNE 1976. [REDACTED] SAID THE PARTY EXPECTS THE  
 GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES TO CONTINUE ARRESTING PARTY MEMBERS  
 AFTER THE OASGA ENDS. [REDACTED] REGARDS THE RECENT ARRESTS OF PARTY  
 OFFICIALS AS A BLOW WHICH HAS ALMOST PARALYZED THE PARTY, NEVER-  
 THELESS, THE PARTY HAS FOUND SOME REPLACEMENTS FOR THE DECIMATED  
 LEADERSHIP AND THEY ARE CARRYING OUT THE NECESSARY TASKS IN A  
 LOW-KEY MANNER WHILE UNDER THE CONSTANT THREAT OF ADDITIONAL  
 ARRESTS AND INFILTRATION. [REDACTED] BOTH AGREE THAT  
 IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST THREE MONTHS FOR THE REPLACEMENTS TO  
 FUNCTION EFFICIENTLY IN DIRECTING THE PARTY'S RECUPERATION FROM  
 THE LOSS OF ITS CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

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8. [REDACTED]  
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