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1. THE MAJORITY OF ARMY GENERALS HAVE EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE AND OPPOSITION TO THE RECENT SPATE OF ILLEGAL DETENTIONS CONDUCTED DURING APRIL-EARLY MAY BY THE DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA). THEY BELIEVE THAT THE SUBVERSIVE SITUATION IS WELL UNDER CONTROL, THAT THE STATE OF SIEGE SHOULD BE LIFTED, THAT DINA'S ARREST POWERS SHOULD BE TERMINATED, AND THAT THE UNIFORMED AND CIVIL POLICE SHOULD HAVE THE SOLE AUTHORITY FOR MAKING ARRESTS, EVEN OF SUBVERSIVES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LEGAL NORMS. THE GENERALS

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ARE AWARE THAT THEIR VIEWS ARE NOT SHARED BY GENERAL CARLOS FORESTIER, ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, AND GENERAL HERMAN BRADY, MINISTER OF DEFENSE. IN THE CASE OF THE LATTER, HOWEVER, THEY BELIEVE HIS CURRENT HARDLINE POSITION IS NOT BASED ON CONVICTION BUT RATHER ON A DESIRE TO CURRY FAVOR WITH PRESIDENT AUGUSTO PINOCHET BY APPEARING TO SUPPORT FULLY THE LATTER'S POLICIES.

2. THE MAJORITY OF THE GENERALS HAVE INFORMALLY MADE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN TO PINOCHET REGARDING THE ARBITRARY TACTICS OF DINA AND THE STATE OF SIEGE. THE PRESIDENT, HOWEVER, HAS INSISTED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN PLOTS OF WHICH MOST OF THE GENERALS ARE UNAWARE, AND THAT THE INTERNAL SECURITY THREAT IS STILL SERIOUS ENOUGH TO NECESSITATE CONTINUATION BOTH OF THE STATE OF SIEGE AND DINA'S ACTIVITIES. THE GENERALS BELIEVE, NONETHELESS, THAT THERE IS A STRONG CHANCE THAT SOME EASING OF SECURITY RESTRICTIONS AND PRACTICES WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON 11 SEPTEMBER, THE OCCASION OF THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

3. DESPITE THEIR EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE WITH DINA'S ACTIVITIES, NONE OF THE GENERALS HAVE YET ARGUED FORCEFULLY

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WITH PINOCHEI ON THE MATTER. RATHER, THEIR ATTITUDE CONTINUES TO BE COUNTERBALANCED BY THE SENTIMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN UNFAIR IN FOCUSING ON CHILE AS THE PRINCIPAL VIOLATOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS. AS A RESULT, THEIR ATTITUDE CONTINUES TO BE TEMPERED BY THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO APPEAR CONSTANTLY TO BE GIVING IN TO U.S. PRESSURES ON THE MATTER.

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