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1. DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1977 CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES MANUEL T R U C C O, WHO IS ALSO SENIOR AMBASSADOR AND COORDINATOR OF POLICY FOR ALL CHILEAN EMBASSIES IN WESTERN EUROPE PLUS TURKEY AND ISRAEL, HAS BEEN VISITING MANY AREA CAPITALS. HE IS SOLICITING COOPERATION OF THOSE COUNTRIES THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS (UN) WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AS AFFECTING CHILE, IN PREPARATION FOR THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH CONVENES ON 20 ~~SEPTEMBER~~ 1977. TRUCCO IS BEING ACCOMPANIED BY HIS ASSISTANT COUNSELOR LUIS W I N T E R, WHO IS THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE CHILEAN DELEGATION TO THE UN COMMITTEE ON

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HUMAN RIGHTS. TRUCCO AND WINTER WERE IN TURKEY FROM 31 AUGUST UNTIL 2 SEPTEMBER, AND TRUCCO MET WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF BILATERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF THE TURKISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) AMBASSADOR PERTEV S U B A S I, AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MULTILATERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS SELJUK K O R K U D, ON 1 SEPTEMBER. TRUCCO HAD ORIGINALLY REQUESTED AN INTERVIEW WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ISHAN SABRI C A G L A Y A N G I L, BUT THIS WAS NOT GRANTED. TRUCCO MADE NO DIRECT REQUEST FOR HELP FROM TURKEY, BUT CAME OFFERING AN EXPLANATION OF THE CURRENT CHILEAN SITUATION AND THE CHILEAN POSITION WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS.

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3. FOLLOWING THIS EXCHANGE, TRUCCO OFFERED HIS EXPLANATION OF THE SITUATION IN CHILE. HE BEGAN BY SAYING THERE ARE FOUR MAIN CHARGES BEING MADE AGAINST CHILE ABROAD AND RESPONDED TO THEM AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE ALLEGATION THAT THE 1973 COUP RESULTED IN 30,000 DEAD: TRUCCO DENIED THAT THIS WAS TRUE ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED THAT SOME PEOPLE HAD BEEN KILLED DURING THE COUP AND ITS AFTERMATH.

B. THE CHARGE THAT CHILEAN JAILS ARE FULL OF POLITICAL PRISONERS: TRUCCO CLAIMED THAT FOLLOWING RECENT EXCHANGES, THERE ARE NO LONGER POLITICAL PRISONERS IN CHILE. ANY PRISONERS NOW BEING HELD IN CHILE ARE THERE FOR CRIMINAL, NOT POLITICAL, OFFENSES.

C. THE QUESTION OF MISSING PERSONS: TRUCCO SAID THAT THIS IS PURE PROPAGANDA BY OPPONENTS OF THE REGIME WHO, WHILE SALVADOR A L L E N D E WAS PRESIDENT, CREATED THOUSANDS OF FALSE IDENTITIES FOR ELECTORAL PURPOSES. THE SO CALLED "MISSING PERSONS" ARE NOTHING MORE THAN NAMES.

D. ALLEGED ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL REPRESSION BY THE CHILEAN REGIME: TRUCCO SAID THAT THIS IS AN EXCUSE FOR CHILE'S OPPONENTS TO KEEP ATTACKING THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT. FOLLOWING ALLENDE'S OUSTER, CHILE SUFFERED GREATLY IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD BUT IT IS SLOWLY RECOVERING.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT ANY ECONOMIC SUFFERING IN CHILE IS THE RESULT OF AN

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