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2. GENERAL ENRIQUE MOREL, COMMANDER OF THE SECOND
ARMY DIVISION, SANTIAGO, WILL INSURE THAT THE INVESTIGATION
REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF THE FALSE WILLIAMS AND ROMERAL
PASSPORTS INCLUDES TESTIMONY FROM GENERAL (R) MANUEL
CONTREBAS AND VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
ENRIQUE VALDES PUGA, AS WELL AS THE TWO INDIVIDUALS
WHO TRAVELED USING THESE PASSPORTS. MOREL IS PREPARED TO TAKE
WHATEVER ACTION IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO PUNISH THOSE RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THESE ALIAS OFFICIAL PASSPORTS. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: [REDACTED] PRESS ON 23 MARCH REPORTS MOREL HAS DESIGNATED
A SPECIAL INVESTIGATORY MILITARY JUDGE TO DEAL WITH THIS CASE

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AFTER CIVILIAN JUDGE MARCOS LIBEDINSKY BOWED OUT BECAUSE THOSE BELIEVED INVOLVED WERE UNDER MILITARY JURISDICTION.)

3. GENERAL (R) MANUEL CONTRERAS IS HIGHLY DISSATISFIED WITH THE CONTINUED INVESTIGATION INTO THE "WILLIAMS-ROMERAL" CASE. HIS SUDDEN RESIGNATION FROM THE ARMY APPEARS TO BE THE RESULT OF HIS DISAGREEMENT WITH THE HANDLING OF THIS CASE AS WELL AS PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S DISSATISFACTION WITH CONTRERAS' MANAGEMENT OF THIS NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE (DINA) OPERATION. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO TRAVELED TO THE U.S. ON THE WILLIAMS AND ROMERAL PASSPORTS WERE ARMY OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO DINA AND WERE CLEARLY CARRYING OUT ORDERS GIVEN TO THEM BY CONTRERAS.)

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4. A COUNCIL OF ARMY GENERALS MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED STARTING 28 MARCH TO DISCUSS THE "WILLIAMS-ROMERAL" CASE, AS WELL AS OTHER PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE COUNTRY. PRESIDENT PINOCHET IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS THE GROUP ON EITHER 28 OR 29M MARCH BUT HE WILL NOT BE PRESENT FOR ALL OF THE GROUP'S DISCUSSIONS.

5. ARMY LEADERS ARE HIGHLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF THE "WILLIAMS-ROMERAL" AFFAIR. MOST OF THEM CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF ORLANDO LETELIER, BUT THEY NOW ADMIT THE POSSIBILITY THAT CONTRERAS AND DINA WERE INVOLVED. MOST ARMY LEADERS BELIEVE THAT IF THIS IS THE CASE, THAT

CONTRERAS WILL IF NECESSARY TAKE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS ACITONS AND NOT INVOLVE THE PRESIDENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, CONTRERAS' ACTIONS ARE SOMEWHAT UNPREDICTABLE AT THIS TIME DUE TO HIS DISSATISFACTION WITH THE FACT THAT THE INVESTIGATION WAS ALLOWED TO GO FORWARD BY PINOCHET DESPITE CONTRERAS' EFFORTS TO COVER UP THE WHOLE MATTER.

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SAID MARCH THAT CONTRERAS HAD BEEN FORCED TO RESIGN. HE SAID THAT CONTRERAS HAD BEEN CALLED INTO THE OFFICE OF GENERAL CARLOS F O R E S T I E R, DEPUTY ARMY COMMANDER, AND GIVEN A LETTER OF RESIGNATION TO SIGN. SAID THAT CONTRERAS WAS FRIGHTENED ABOUT HIS POSITION NOW, SINCE IN HIS PRESENT RETIRED STATUS HE IS SUBJECT TO CIVIL PROSECUTION. SAID CONTREREAS BLAMES GENERAL SERGIO C O V A R R U B I A S, CHIEF OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GENRAL STAFF, FOR MANUEVERING CONTRERAS' FORCED RETIREMENT.

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