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1. [REDACTED] COMMENT: SANTIAGO EMBASSY TELEGRAM 3325 OF 11 JUNE REPORTED THAT ON 7 JUNE THE GOVERNMENT HAD INITIATED CENSORSHIP OF RADIO BALMaceda, WHICH IS OWNED BY THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC).)

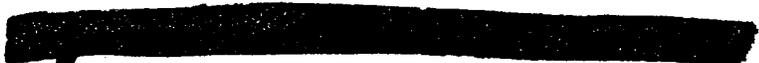
2. ON 21 JUNE, GENERAL OSCAR BONILLA, MINISTER OF INTERIOR, REJECTED A LETTER OF PROTEST FROM PDC PRESIDENT PATRICIO AYLWIN CONCERNING THE CENSORSHIP OF RADIO BALMaceda. AYLWIN'S LETTER, DATED 12 JUNE, CHARACTERIZED THE

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GOVERNMENT'S ACTION AS:

A. UNJUST, BECAUSE THE POLITICAL COMMENTARY OF JAIME CASTILLO AND MARTA CARO, WHICH MOTIVATED THE IMPOSING OF THE CENSORSHIP, WAS MEASURED, ACCURATE AND TRUTHFUL;

B. DISCRIMINATORY, BECAUSE THE TREATMENT OF RADIO BALMACEDA IS DIFFERENT THAN THAT GIVEN OTHER RADIO STATIONS; AND

C. ARBITRARY, BECAUSE THE MEASURE HAS NO JUSTIFICATION IN ANY ARTICLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OR IN ANY GOVERNMENT REGULATION BUT HAS BEEN IMPOSED PURELY AND SIMPLY BY FORCE. AYLWIN ALSO MAINTAINED THAT THE DECISION VIOLATES THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND IS DAMAGING TO AN IMPORTANT SECTOR OF THE CHILEAN POPULATION, THOSE WHO PROFESS CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES, BECAUSE IT DENIES THEM EXPRESSION OF THE IDEALS THEY CONSIDER ESSENTIAL.

3. IN HIS RESPONSE, BONILLA REMINDED AYLWIN THAT THE COUNTRY REMAINS IN A STATE OF INTERNAL WAR; THAT BY VIRTUE OF DECREE LAW 78 ALL PARTIES REMAIN IN RECESS; THAT THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT IS MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC SECURITY AND THAT IT WILL NOT PLAY THE GAME OF THE ENEMIES OF PUBLIC SECURITY. BONILLA ALSO POINTED OUT THAT AYLWIN HAS ADOPTED A DIFFERENT TONE WHEN

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SPEAKING PERSONALLY TO BONILLA THAN HE DOES IN OFFICIAL WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS. HE CONCLUDED HIS REJECTION OF AYLWIN'S PROTEST BY REQUESTING THAT AYLWIN ADDRESS HIM IN RESPECTFUL TERMS APPROPRIATE TO HIS STATUS AS A GENERAL OFFICER AND ONLY WRITE TO HIM IN REFERENCE TO PROBLEMS CONCERNED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF PDC PROPERTY.

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