



Intelligence Information Report

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DATE DISTR. [REDACTED] 1969
March

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1. [REDACTED] COMMENT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONDUCTED A RAPID INVESTIGATION INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH LED TO THE CIVIL DISORDERS AND KILLINGS IN PUERTO MONTT ON 8-9 MARCH 1969. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED]

PRESIDENT EDUARDO FREI IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CIVIL DISORDERS IN PUERTO MONTT IN THE SENSE THAT HE ALLOWED THE FOLLOWING EVENTS WHICH WERE NOT IN THE INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT TO GO UNCHECKED.

A) FREI HAS BEEN RELUCTANT TO RELIEVE INTENDENTE BARTOLEME PALACIOS WHO HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS. PALACIOS HAS BEEN ILL AND UNABLE TO CARRY OUT

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HIS DUTIES. MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF REPORTED [REDACTED] THAT PALACIOS FOR FIVE MONTHS HAS BEEN DELEGATING ALL AUTHORITY TO SUBORDINATES. FREI HAS NOT REPLACED HIM BECAUSE THEY ARE FRIENDS AND FREI FEELS SORRY FOR HIM.

B) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN AGITATING AMONG SLUM DWELLERS AND POBLADORES FOR SOME YEARS. BEFORE 8-9 MARCH [REDACTED] STAGED SEVEN INVASIONS OF PRIVATE PROPERTY AND WITH THE HELP OF SOCIALIST SENATOR SALVADOR ALLENDE HAD FORCED THE GOVERNMENT TO COMPROMISE ON ALL OF THEM. [REDACTED] PLANS EACH INVASION IN A MILITARY MANNER, USING MAPS AND TACTICAL PLAN DRAWINGS.

3. WHEN THE POBLADORES SEIZED THE LAND IN THE 8-9 MARCH INCIDENT, [REDACTED] ORDERED THEM TO LEAVE VACANT BOTH A DEPRESSION IN THE PLOT AND THE ACCESS FROM THE DEPRESSION TO THE PUBLIC ROAD. WHEN THE CARABINEROS ARRIVED ON 9 MARCH TO EJECT THE INVADERS, THEY ENTERED THE HOLLOW AND FOUND THEMSELVES SURROUNDED BY TRAINED, ARMED HOOLIGANS ON HIGHER GROUND. THE CARABINEROS HAD TO FIGHT THEIR WAY OUT OF THE HOLLOW.

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