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1. [redacted]

A. IN THE AFTERNOON OF SEPT, GEN. RENE SCHNEIDER, CINC ARMY, CALLED A MEETING OF SOME OF THE GENERALS ASSIGNED IN THE SANTIAGO AREA, [redacted]

B. GEN. SCHNEIDER TOLD HIS COLLEGUES THAT HE HAD BEEN ADVISED [redacted] THAT SALVADOR ALLENDE, [redacted]

HAD TENDERED THEM ALL SORTS OF ASSURANCES ABOUT THE

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ARMED FORCES.

[REDACTED]

C. SCHNEIDER GAVE THE ASSEMBLED GENS A SITUATION REPORT IN WHICH HE CLAIMED THAT THE GENERAL SITUATION WAS ACTUALLY NOT AS BAD AS IT HAD BEEN MADE TO APPEAR. THE GEN, IN STRONG TERMS REITERATED HIS POSITION ON THE ROLE OF THE ARMY IN MATTERS OF A POLITICAL OR CONSTITUTIONAL CHARACTER, MAKING IT CLEAR THAT HIS POSITION ON THE ADVISABILITY OF ARMED FORCES ABSTENTION

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FROM ALL INVOLVEMENT IN CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES HAD NOT CHANGED ONE IOTA. THE COUNTRY FOUND ITSELF IN A MESS NOT BECAUSE OF THE ARMED FORCES BUT DUE TO THE MISCALCULATIONS OF CERTAIN POLITICIANS. IT BEHOVED THOSE POLITICIANS TO GET CHILE OUT OF THE MESS.

D. ONE OF THE GENS WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF ALLENDE SHOULD BE VOTED INTO POWER BY THE CONGRESS. SCHNEIDER REPLIED, "WE SHALL MAKE SURE THAT HE GETS INTO POWER", ADDING THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT ANYTHING BAD WOULD HAPPEN UNDER AN ALLENDE GOVERNMENT.

E. SCHNEIDER WOUND UP HIS PRESENTATION BY ALLUDING TO CERTAIN THINGS WHICH APPEAR TO BE GOING ON BELOW THE SURFACE AND WHICH HE WAS UNABLE TO GRASP. HE HAD, THEREFORE, ASKED TO BE RECEIVED BY PRES. FREI IN PRIVATE AUDIENCE IN ORDER TO BE TOLD EXACTLY "WHERE WE STAND"

[REDACTED]

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~~SECRET~~ SCHNEIDER'S CONCLUDING REMARK WAS THAT IF HIS POSITION SHOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD OR RESPECTED BY PRES FREI HE WOULD TENDER HIS RESIGNATION.

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