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INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVEDAugusto PINOCHET Ugarte
(Phonetic: peenohCHAY)

CHILE

President; Commander in
Chief of the ArmyAddressed as:
Mr. President

Army Commander since August 1973, Maj. Gen. Augusto Pinochet, 60, became President after he led the September 1973 coup against President (1970-73) Salvador Allende. Pinochet is totally dedicated to the establishment in Chile

of a new political and economic order free of all vestiges of Marxism. A man known for his toughness, he will not tolerate any opposition to the government. He dislikes politicians of all persuasions and reserves particular antipathy for the Christian Democratic Party.

To international critics, Pinochet is the personification of the evils they see in Chile. Defensive in the face of criticism, he recognizes that there are human rights abuses in the country, but he has been unwilling or unable to effect the significant improvements demanded. The President has been outspokenly indignant at attempts to stop the flow of US military aid to Chile, reserving particular wrath for Senator Edward Kennedy, who has led such efforts. Not a charismatic man, Pinochet is nevertheless genuinely popular in Chile. His frequent public appearances throughout the country have at times given him the semblance of a grassroots politician, and he has expressed a desire to be an elected President one day.

Outwardly tough, rigid and disciplined, Pinochet can be warm and fatherly. He is straightforward and forceful and is occasionally impulsive in his public comments. He has visited the United States at least three times. Married to the former Lucía Hiriart, the President has five children and seven grandchildren. He speaks only a little English.

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