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COUNTRY CHILE/NORTH KOREA

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SUBJECT CHILEAN APPROVAL FOR A VISIT BY A
NORTH KOREAN COMMERCIAL MISSION

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ACQ CHILE, SANTIAGO
(7 MAY 1970)

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1. AS OF 7 MAY 1970 THE CHILEAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD GIVEN PERMISSION FOR NORTH KOREA TO SEND A COMMERCIAL MISSION TO CHILE. OFFICIALS OF THE CHILEAN-NORTH KOREAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE HAD ASKED THE NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT TO SEND A LARGE MISSION WITH THE IDEA THAT A FEW OF ITS MEMBERS WOULD REMAIN BEHIND IN CHILE. GABRIEL VALDES, CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER, HAD SUGGESTED THIS DEVICE AS A MEANS OF

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ESTABLISHING A NORTH KOREAN TRADE MISSION IN CHILE WITHOUT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT APPEARING TO HAVE AUTHORIZED IT.

2. OFFICIALS OF THE CULTURAL INSTITUTE SUGGESTED TO P'YONG YANG THAT THE MISSION COME IN MAY BECAUSE A LATER DATE WOULD BE TOO CLOSE TO THE CHILEAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN SEPTEMBER 1970. THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED A REPLY.

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