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SUBJECT Position of Carlos Ibanez del Campo

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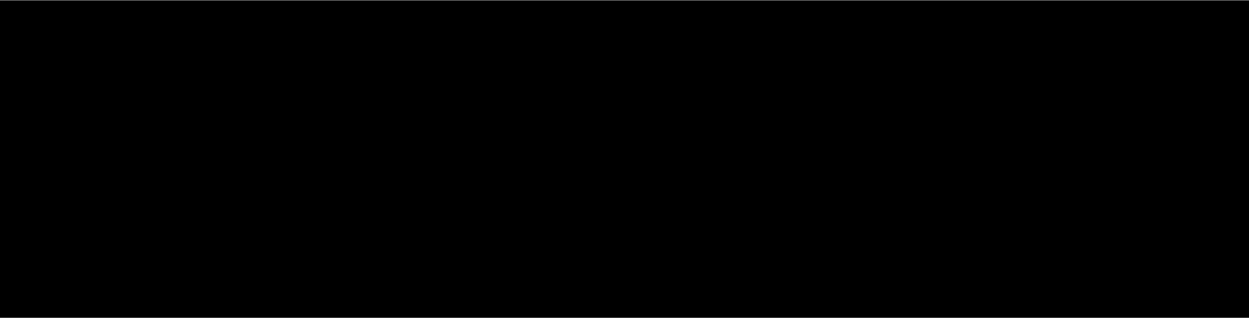
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1. According to recent reports, former Chilean President Carlos Ibanez del Campo's influence in the Chilean Army remains high but he is not believed to be sympathetic to their suggestion that he head a "caudillo" type dictatorship to put an end to the present political and economic chaos in Chile.

25X1A 2. It has been learned that on [REDACTED] Ibanez del Campo held a long and intimate conversation with another high ranking retired army officer. He stressed his determination to take no part in any illegal or revolutionary endeavor to overthrow the government in spite of his dissatisfaction with the policies of Gonzalez Videla's regime. To silence rumors that he is preparing to lead a coup d'etat, Ibanez del Campo reportedly stated that he is making every effort to avoid contact with military leaders or retired army officers and instead associates almost exclusively with political and civilian figures.

3. Ibanez del Campo has reportedly stated that his dissatisfaction with the present government stems from its lenient methods of dealing with Communist-inspired strikes and other labor disturbances. He is also critical of the tolerant attitude shown by the government when dealing with frequent cases of embezzlement of funds and various financial scandals in government institutions. He further stated that if he should come to power again, he would maintain a strong stand against Communism and a new era of financial morality by government officials.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. In spite of Ibanez del Campo's pledge to maintain a strong anti-Communist stand if he were President of Chile, it is of interest to note that in the past he has been willing to make political pacts with Communist and other leftist groups when it was to his political advantage.

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