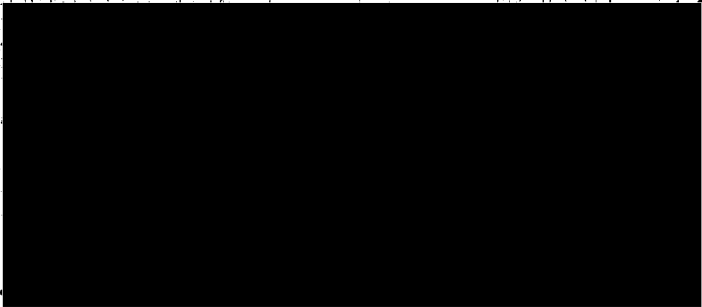


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WESTERN HEMISPHERE BRIEF [REDACTED]

//CHILE: ATTITUDES TOWARD THE US WITHIN THE CHILEAN MILITARY ARE BEGINNING TO HARDEN IN REACTION TO WHAT IS PERCEIVED AS GROWING US GOVERNMENT OPPOSITION TO THE JUNTA.// [REDACTED]

//THIS WORSENING CLIMATE IS NOT LIKELY TO PORTEND A RADICAL SHIFT IN RELATIONS, BUT IT IS PROBABLY A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR ADDING TO THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT'S SENSE OF INSECURITY AND ISOLATION AT A TIME WHEN CHILE HAS COME TO REALIZE THAT ITS INTERNATIONAL IMAGE HAS REACHED ITS LOWEST POINT SINCE THE ARMED FORCES ASSUMED POWER.// [REDACTED]

//ANTI-US SENTIMENT [REDACTED] IS EVIDENT AMONG THE MIDDLE AND JUNIOR OFFICER RANKS, AND MILITARY LEADERS EXPECT THE GAP TO WIDEN WITH THE EXPECTED BUT-OFF OF US MILITARY TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE. FOR THE MOST PART, THE CHILEAN MILITARY IS A CONSERVATIVE INSTITUTION AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO COMPENSATE FOR THIS LOSS BY STRENGTHENING ITS TIES WITH SIMILAR MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS ELSEWHERE IN SOUTH AMERICA, FOR EXAMPLE BRAZIL. ITS ABILITY TO FIND ALTERNATE SUPPLIERS OF ARMS ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING, HOWEVER, WILL CONTINUED TO BE LIMITED.// [REDACTED]

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//THE PARIAH STATUS IMPOSED ON CHILE BY THE OUTSIDE WORLD BECAUSE OF ITS HUMAN RIGHTS STAND MAY BE REINFORCING PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S HARSH APPROACH TO OTHER SENSITIVE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. GOVERNMENT APPREHENSION OVER REPORTS ALLEGING THAT LEFTISTS INTENDED TO TURN AN ANNUAL RELIGIOUS OBSERVATION INTO ANTIGOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATIONS CAUSED A SHARP DETERIORATION IN CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS. THE PRESIDENTIAL EDICT RESTRICTING THE CEREMONY PROVOKED CHURCH LEADERS INTO CANCELING THE EVENT AND CAUSED SOME TOP ARMY OFFICIALS TO QUESTION THE WISDOM OF PINOCHET'S DECISION. ALTHOUGH THE CHURCH WILL PROBABLY SPEAK OUT MORE FORCEFULLY IN THE FUTURE, ITS RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE SEVERED COMPLETELY, SINCE THAT WOULD NOT BE IN THE INTERESTS OF EITHER PARTY. [REDACTED]

//ON YET ANOTHER FRONT, PINOCHET HAS SHOWN SIGNS OF TAKING A HARD LINE IN GRANTING SAFE CONDUCT TO LEFTISTS WHO HAVE SOUGHT REFUGE IN VARIOUS EMBASSIES IN SANTIAGO. THE PINOCHET GOVERNMENT IS TAKING THIS LINE BECAUSE IT INSISTS THAT THE ASYLEES--WHO INCLUDE LEADERS OF THE MAJOR TERRORIST ORGANIZATION--ARE "COMMON CRIMINALS" AND THEREFORE DO NOT FALL UNDER NORMAL PROVISIONS REGARDING POLITICAL

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ASYLUM. THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT THIS ISSUE WILL WORSEN RELATIONS WITH SOME FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND STIP. NEW CHARGES ABROAD THAT THE JUNTA IS VIOLATING ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS. [REDACTED]

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