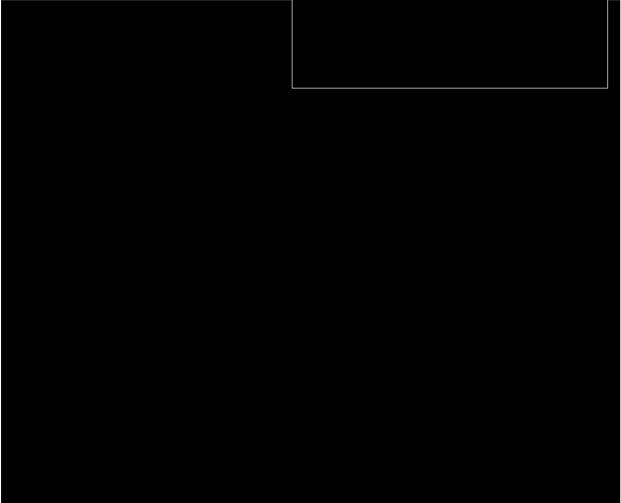
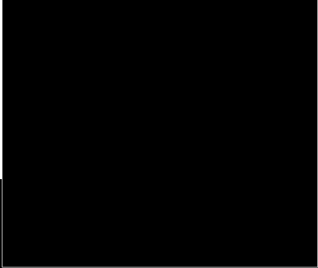




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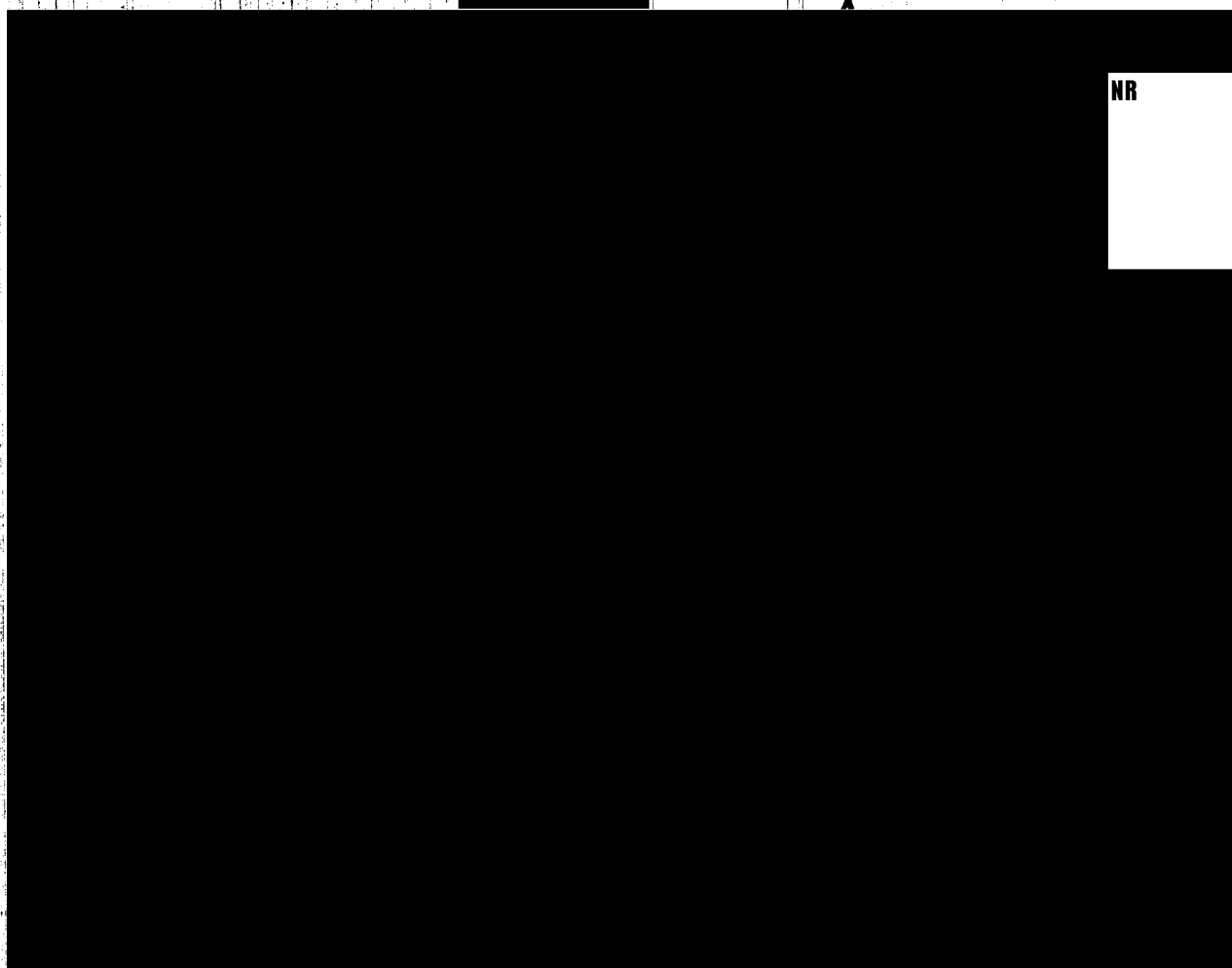
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2. CHILE: RELATIONS BETWEEN CHILE'S MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY AGAIN ARE NEAR A BREAKDOWN. THE TWO HAVE BEEN CLOSE TO THE BRINK BEFORE, BUT FORMER PRESIDENT FREI'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE LATEST DISPUTE MAKES IT THE MOST SERIOUS.

FREI HAS JOINED A WIDE RANGE OF OTHER CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC LUMINARIES IN A PUBLIC PROTEST OVER THE DEPORTATION OF RENAN FUENTEALBA, A LEFT-WING PARTY LEADER, FOR VIOLATING THE BAN ON POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

SOME WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY RIGHT-WING CIVILIAN ADVISERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE A SPLIT BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES AND THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, WILL BE PUSHING FOR A VIGOROUS RESPONSE TO THE PROTEST--E.G., OUTLAWING THE PARTY. ON NOVEMBER 29, THE

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GOVERNMENT [REDACTED] WARNED THAT IT WOULD ACCEPT NO CRITICISM. [REDACTED]

COOLER HEADS HAVE PREVAILED IN THE PAST, BUT FREI'S PARTICIPATION GIVES THE PARTY'S PROTEST AN AURA OF DIRECT CHALLENGE. IT COMES AT A PARTICULARLY INOPPORTUNE MOMENT. RECENT INTERNATIONAL CRITICISM HAS BRED A SIEGE MENTALITY IN CHILE'S MILITARY LEADERS, WHO COULD BE TEMPTED TO STRIKE BACK AT CRITICS WITHIN REACH [REDACTED]

AN OUTRIGHT BREAK WITH THE PARTY WOULD RADICALLY NARROW THE GOVERNMENT'S POLITICAL BASE AND COULD LEAD TO RETROGRADE MOVEMENT IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS. [REDACTED]



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