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17 OCTOBER THE CITY OF SANTIAGO IS

QUIET WITH NO UNTOWARD DEVELOPMENTS. THERE WERE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS
TO ORGANIZE A DEMONSTRATION DURING MIDDAY BUT THESE WERE DISPERSED
BY CARABINEROS (NATIONAL POLICE), WHO USED VERY LIBERAL QUANTITIES
OF TEAR GAS. IN ADDITION TO THE ARMY SOLDIERS WHO WERE USED TO
PROTECT BANKS IN THE DOWNTOWN SECTOR AND THOSE IN JEEPS PATROLLING
THE CITY STREETS, THREE, THREE-QUARTER TON ARMY TRUCKS, FILLED
WITH ARMED PERSONNEL, WERE SIGHTED PARKED NEAR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.

COMMENT: THE FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
DECLARED A 24-HOUR STRIKE ON 17 OCTOBER.) EXCEPT FOR FOOD

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STORES, RESTAURANTS, PHARMACIES AND OTHER STORES SELLING PRIME NECESSITY ITEMS, THE MAJORITY OF BUSINESS ESTADLISHMENTS WERE CLOSED THE AFTERNOON OF 17 OCTOBER, INCLUDING SEVERAL OF THE LARGE STORES WHICH HAD OPENED IN THE MORNING.

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THE CAMPESINO STRIKE

IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY IS QUITE EXTENSIVE AND INVOLVES,

SOME 60,000 CAMPESINOS. THE CAMPESINOS ARE TAKING OVER THE LAND

THEY WORK, BUT

17 OCTOBER THERE HAVE BEEN

NO REPORTS OF OF VIOLENCE.

3. THE STRIKE BY THE COOPERATIVE FARM WORKERS AND OTHER CAMPESINOS EXTENDED TO 13 PROVINCES AS OF 17 OCTOBER. ADDITIONALLY, THE UNION OF AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYERS AGREED ON 17 OCTOBER THAT IT WOULD JOIN THE OTHER STRIKING RURAL WORKERS. FINALLY, THAT THE FEDERATION OF BUS DRIVERS AND THE STEVEDORES IN VALPARAISO WERE TO HAVE MET THE AFTERNOON OF 17 OCTOBER TO VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO STRIKE.

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TWO ORGANIZATIONS AGREE TO STRIKE, THE COUNTRY COULD SOON BE PARALYZED.)

A. IN REGARD TO THE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN INITIATED
BY THE GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE LEADERS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THERE
ARE 60 DI PERSONNEL STANDING BY FOR ORDERS FROM THE JUDICIARY IN
ORDER TO PROCEED WITH THE ARRESTS. THE EFFORTS TO ARREST THE
BUSINESS LEADERS COULD TAKE PLACE LATE IN THE DAY OF 17 CCTOBER
OR ON 18 OCTOBER. THE DI IS NOT COORDINATING ITS ARREST PLANS
WITH GENERAL HECTOR BRAVO, COMMANDER OF THE SANTIAGO
EMERGENCY ZONE. AS FAR AS THE DI IS CONCERNED, IT IS RECEIVING
ITS ORDERS FROM THE INTERIOR MINISTER.

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5. DURING THE PAST 48 HOURS THERE HAVE BEEN A RASH OF ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS TO THE DI DURING WHICH ADDRESSES WERE GIVEN OF ALLEGED ARMS CACHES. IN ALMOST ALL INSTANCES, THE ADDRESSES WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF UPPER CLASS SECTIONS OF SANTIAGO. THE DI INVESTIGATED THE FIRST FEW SUCH TELEPHONE CALLS BUT NOTHING WAS FOUND. THE DI HAS SINCE STOPPED FOLLOWING UP SUCH LEADS.

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COMMENT: IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS WAS A TACTIC DESIGNED

TO PROVOKE PANIC AMONG THE RESIDENTS OF THESE SECTORS BY FREQUENT

DI VISITS AND SEARCHES.)

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