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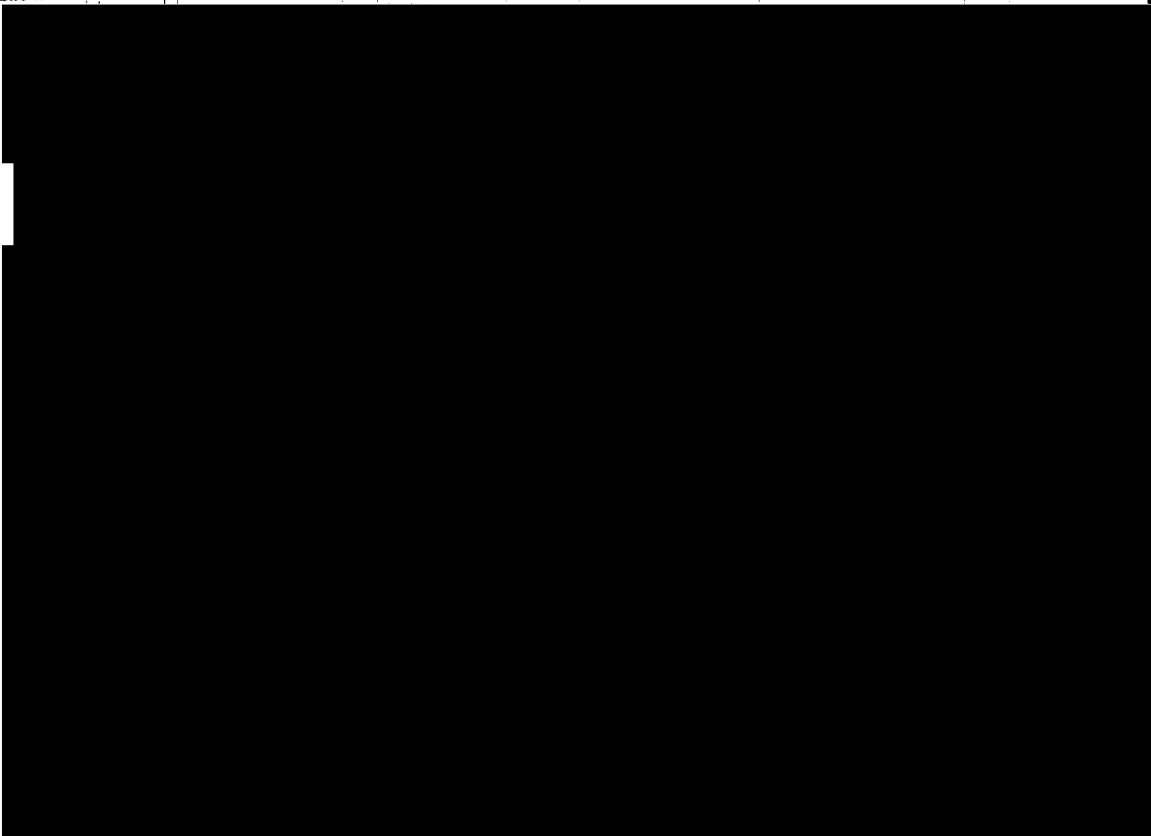


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## Chile: Murder Repercussions

The assassination Tuesday of former ambassador Orlando Letelier is already causing problems for the Chilean government, which is being generally blamed for the murder.

Opponents of the Chilean junta are pointing to Letelier's employment by the Institute for Policy Studies as the most probable reason for his murder. His studies there were influential in persuading the Netherlands recently to deny a loan to Chile and to boycott Chilean products—actions cited by the Chilean government in depriving Letelier of his citizenship earlier this month. He was also an active lobbyist against US economic and military aid to the junta.

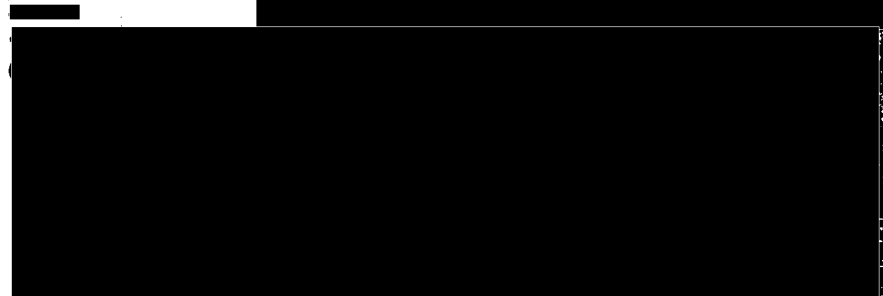
Exiled Chileans have played a prominent role in the campaign to discredit the military government. Their major centers of activity have been in Italy, France, Sweden, Finland, and the UK. Pockets of exiles are also scattered throughout Western and Eastern Europe as well as the U.S. Many are members of solidarity and resistance movements that spread anti-junta propaganda.

Several attempts were made this year to form a united opposition movement. A joint exile organization was founded in Mexico earlier this year headed by former president Allende's foreign minister Christiano Almeida. Previous attempts

to coordinate and solidify exile activities have failed.

The Chilean government will have a hard time ducking charges that it was behind Letelier's assassination. Leftist opponents of the junta, who have the most to gain from the incident, are already accusing Chilean intelligence services of complicity.

The opening of the UN General Assembly in New York will give the junta's enemies a clear opportunity to focus world attention on the issue of human rights, and the Letelier killing will be used as fresh ammunition.

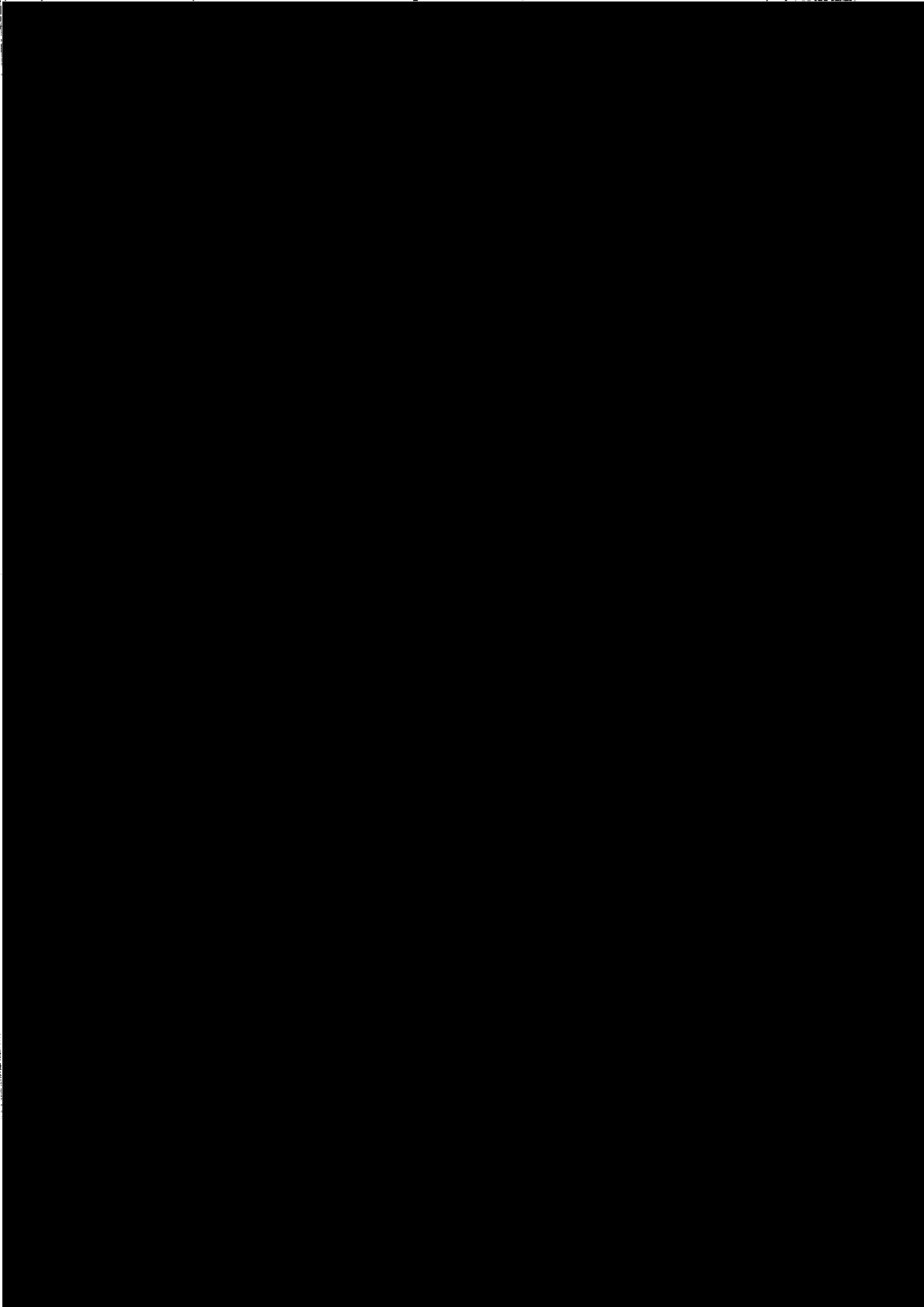


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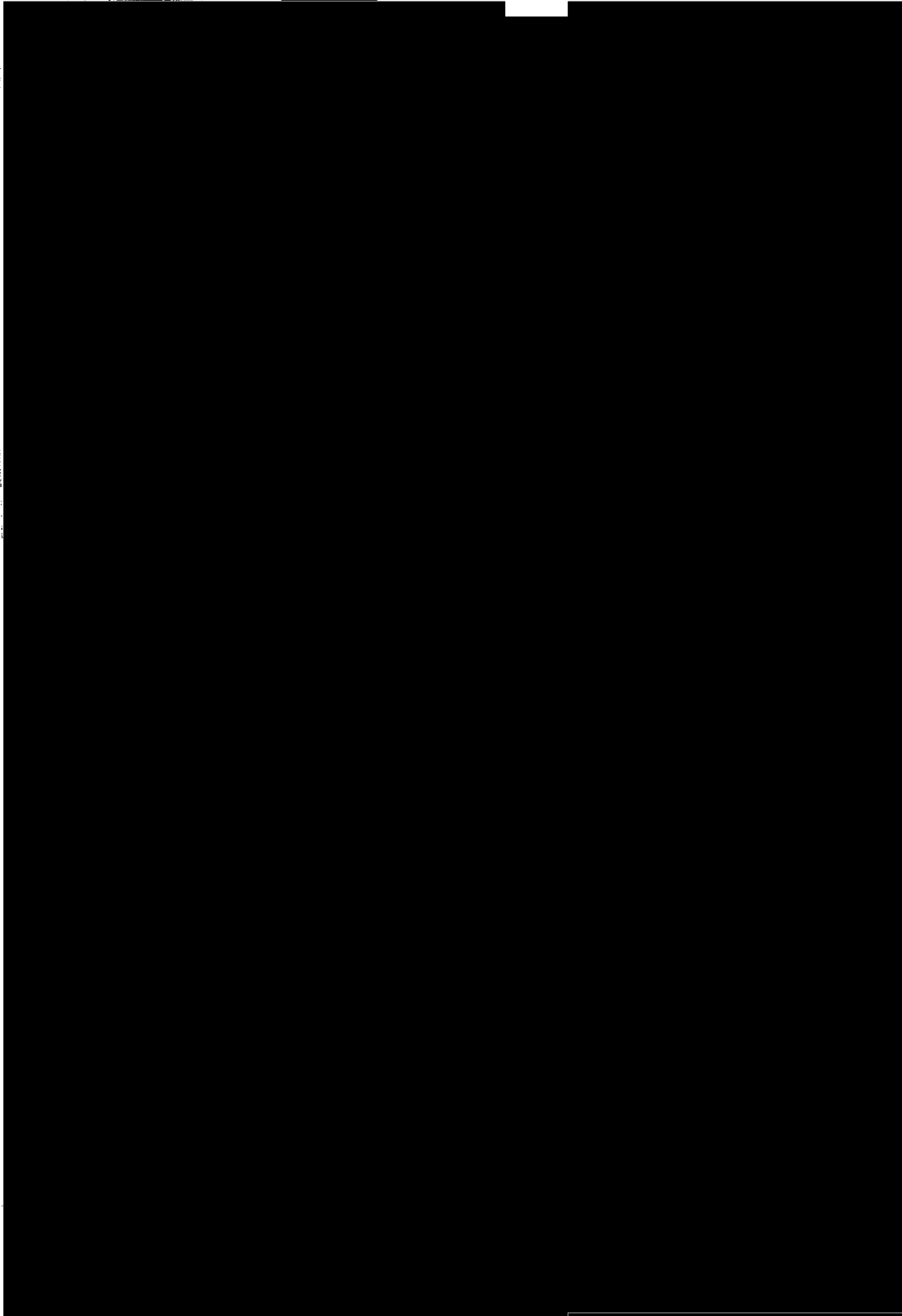
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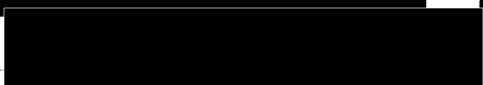
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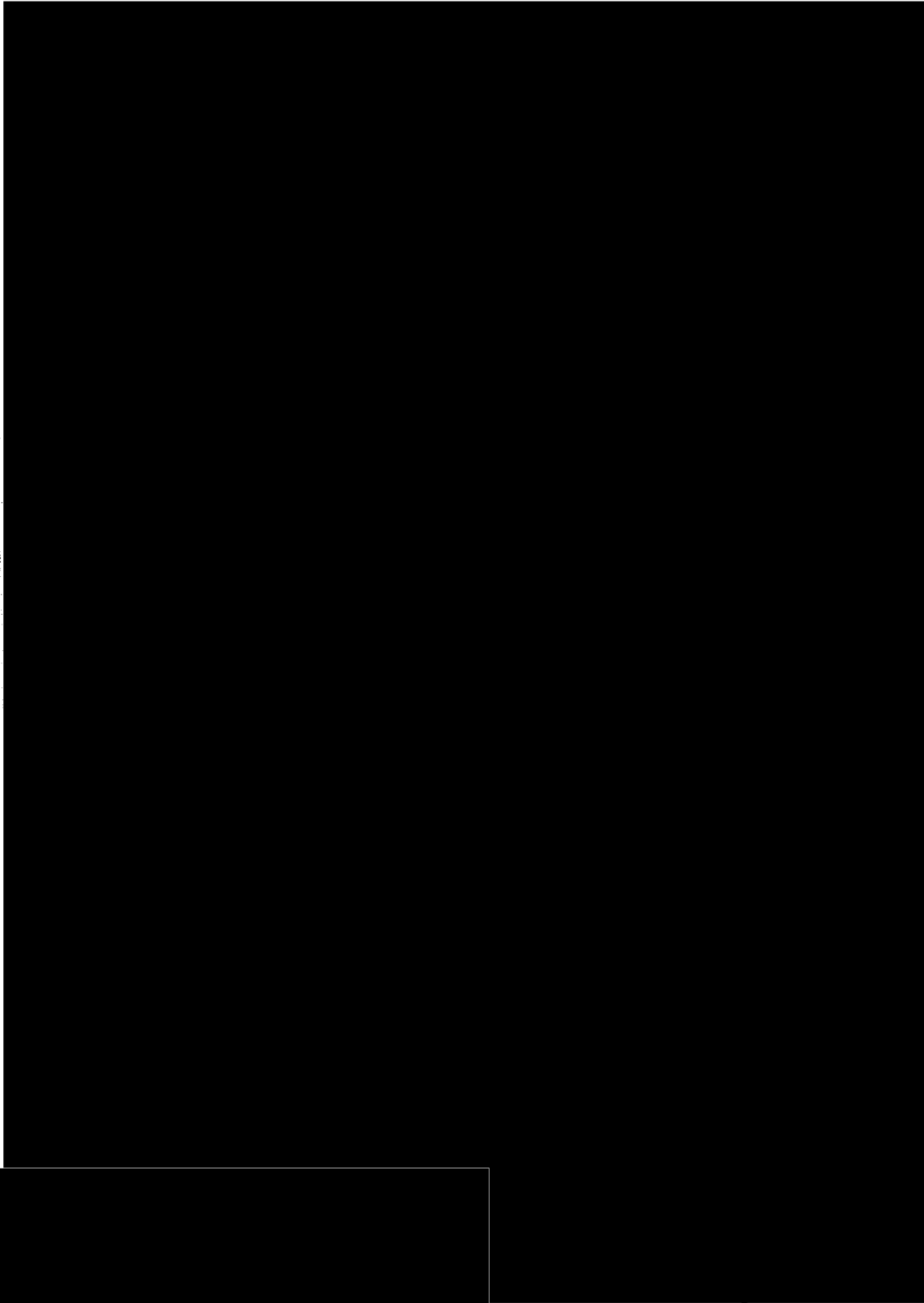
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