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1. On 18 February 1975 President Pinochet for the first time acknowledged publicly that individuals had exceeded their authority and mistreated prisoners and that many had been punished and some had been removed from their positions. At the same time, he announced the establishment of medical commissions to assure the good health of prisoners. The day before, he reiterated that his regime had waved the power of prior censorship and announced that the new Chilean constitution would contain previsions concerning freedom of the press.

On 31 October General Pinochet publicly renounced prior consorship of the press and eased restrictions on foreign newsmen expelled from Chile.

The government

instructed all security services to notify appropriate embassies when foreigners were arrested. Pinochet issued orders to all unit commanders to guard against all forms of prisoner abuse.

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