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DIST 27 OCTOBER 1973

COUNTRY: CHILE

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DOI:

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SUBJECT: ESTIMATE [Redacted] ON THE NUMBER OF DEATHS AND DETENTIONS AS A RESULT OF THE 11 SEPTEMBER COUP

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ACC : CHILE, SANTIAGO [Redacted] (OCTOBER 1973) FIELD NO. [Redacted]

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SOURCE:

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SUMMARY: A HIGHLY SENSITIVE REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE JUNTA ON THE NUMBER OF DEATHS DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE 11 SEPTEMBER COUP AND ITS AFTERMATH. A SEPARATE REPORT [Redacted]

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[Redacted] LISTS THE NUMBER OF PERSONS DETAINED AT VARIOUS CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND DESCRIBES HOW THE CASES AT THE NATIONAL STADIUM ARE BEING PROCESSED. END SUMMARY.

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[Redacted] HIGHLY SENSITIVE FIGURES PREPARED FOR THE JUNTA INDICATE THAT A TOTAL OF 1,020 DEATHS OF CIVILIANS AND ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL OCCURRED DURING THE PERIOD 11 THROUGH 30 SEPTEMBER 1973 AS THE RESULT OF THE 11 SEPTEMBER COUP. DURING THIS PERIOD IN SANTIAGO, 22 MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND 624 CIVILIANS DIED AS A RESULT OF MILITARY ACTIONS. IN ADDITION, A TOTAL OF 240 CIVILIANS WERE EITHER EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUADS AFTER SUMMARY MILITARY TRIALS OR EXECUTED ON THE SPOT FOR ARMED RESISTANCE AGAINST MILITARY FORCES. DURING THE SAME PERIOD OUTSIDE OF SANTIAGO, AT TOTAL OF EIGHT ARMED FORCES MEN WERE KILLED; 46 CIVILIANS WERE KILLED DURING MILITARY ACTIONS; AND 80 CIVILIANS WERE EITHER EXECUTED ON THE SPOT OR KILLED BY FIRING SQUADS AFTER MILITARY TRIALS. [Redacted] COMMENT: THESE FIGURES DO NOT REFLECT THE NUMBER OF CARABINEROS (UNIFORMED NATIONAL POLICE) KILLED DURING THIS TIME PERIOD NOR DO THE FIGURES REFLECT THE EXECUTION OF KNOWN CRIMINALS AND DELINQUENTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF IN-

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VESTIGATIONS (DI, CHILEAN CIVIL POLICE), BECAUSE FIGURES ARE
NOT BEING KEPT ON THESE LATTER CATEGORIES.) [Redacted] COMMENT:

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AN UNOFFICIAL ESTIMATE THAT ABOUT

1,600 CIVILIAN DEATHS OCCURRED BETWEEN 11 SEPTEMBER AND
10 OCTOBER, WITH NO ESTIMATE OF MILITARY AND POLICE CASUALTIES.
IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THE 1,600 FIGURE INCLUDED COMMON CRIMINALS.
ALSO, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THE DIFFERENCE IN TIME PERIODS
COVERED IN THESE TWO REPORTS

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THAT AT HIGH LEVELS IN THE

JUNTA GOVERNMENT THERE IS A REALIZATION THAT THE OFFICIAL
DEATH FIGURES WILL HAVE TO BE RAISED, BECAUSE THE PUBLIC
DOES NOT BELIEVE THE FIGURE (ABOUT 600) USUALLY QUOTED BY
THE GOVERNMENT. IF A DECISION IS MADE TO RAISE THE NUMBER,
IT WILL BE PLACED AT SLIGHTLY OVER 1000. THE MOST ACCURATE
NUMBER, HOWEVER, IS APPROXIMATELY 1,500.)

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BETWEEN 11 SEPTEMBER

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AND 10 OCTOBER A TOTAL OF 13,500 PRISONERS HAD BEEN REGISTERED AS DETAINED BY THE ARMED FORCES, CARABINEROS AND THE DI THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. AS OF 10 OCTOBER A TOTAL OF 2,300 PRISONERS WERE BEING HELD IN ARMED FORCES DETENTION CENTERS THROUGHOUT CHILE, BUT NOT INCLUDING SANTIAGO. 680 PRISONERS HAD BEEN SENTENCED UNDER THE MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM AND WERE SERVING TERMS IN PRISON CAMPS. IN ADDITION, A TOTAL OF 2,360 PRISONERS WERE BEING HELD IN CARABINERO AND DI FACILITIES WHILE THEIR CASES WERE BEING TRIED. A TOTAL OF 360 COMMON CRIMINALS HAD ALSO BEEN DETAINED, TRIED AND SENTENCED BETWEEN 11 SEPTEMBER AND 10 OCTOBER.

3. [REDACTED] THAT AS OF 20 OCTOBER, A TOTAL OF 7,812 PRISONERS HAD BEEN PROCESSED THROUGH THE DETENTION CENTER AT THE NATIONAL STADIUM IN SANTIAGO. OF THIS NUMBER, 2,112 HAD BEEN GIVEN UNCONDITIONAL LIBERTY AND HAD NO FURTHER CHARGES AGAINST THEM; 2,408 HAD BEEN PLACED IN CONDITIONAL LIBERTY AND CONTINUED UNDER INVESTIGATION; 1,840 INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH MINOR CRIMES HAD BEEN PLACED IN LIBERTY FOLLOWING PAYMENT OF A BAIL; 522 DETAINEES HAD BEEN SENT TO PUBLIC JAILS AFTER MILITARY TRIALS; AND 680 HAD BEEN SENT TO PRISON CAMPS CONTROLLED BY THE ARMED FORCES. AN ADDITIONAL 250 CASES WERE PENDING. ONCE THE

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NATIONAL STADIUM IS CLOSED AS A DETENTION CENTER, ALL FUTURE
DETAINEES ARE TO BE SENT TO CARABINERO AND DI FACILITIES FOR
PROCESSING AND CONTROL. [Redacted] COMMENT: THE GOVERNMENT HAS
ANNOUNCED THAT THE NATIONAL STADIUM IS BEING CLEARED OF PRISONERS
TO ALLOW TIME FOR PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORLD CUP SOCCER MATCH
BETWEEN CHILE AND THE USSR TO BE HELD THERE IN LATE NOVEMBER.)

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4. THE ARMED FORCES IS ADMINISTERING OVER 20 DETENTION
SITES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. OF THIS NUMBER ONLY A FEW, SUCH
AS DAWSON ISLAND, ARE KNOWN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

5. [Redacted]

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