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S E C R E T 19 [redacted] OCT 70 CITE SANTIAGO [redacted]

IMMEDIATE [redacted]

1. FOLL IS CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS ON 18 OCTOBER.

2. [redacted] PICKED UP [redacted] AT [redacted] HOURS [redacted] WHERE [redacted] AND [redacted] WERE WAITING. [redacted] TURNED OVER 2 PACKAGES (TEAR GAS AND GAS MASKS) TO [redacted] JOINED OTHER TWO CHILEANS IN THEIR VEHICLE AND LEFT SITE. [redacted] RETURNED TO [redacted] WHERE GENERAL CAMILO VALANZUELA HAD IN MEANWHILE CALLED TO SAY THAT HE WOULD BE VISITING [redacted] AT 2230 HOURS.

3. VALENZUELA ARRIVED PUCTUALLY. REMINDED [redacted] OF LAST TALK WHEN HE HAD PROMISED TO ALERT [redacted] WHEN ARMY READY TO ACT. THIS NOW THE CASE. FOLL WAS PLAN:

A. GENERAL SCHNEIDER INVITED TO STAG PARTY AT ARMY VIP HOUSE EVENING 19 OCTOBER AT 2130 HOURS.

B. WHEN ARRIVING AT VIP HOUSE, SCHNEIDER WILL BE ABDUCTED.

C. SCHNEIDER WILL BE TAKEN TO WAITING AIRPLANE AND FLOWN TO [redacted]

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D. VALENZUELA WILL ANNOUNCE TO ASSEMBLED GENERALS THAT SCHNEIDER HAD DISAPPEARED AND THAT GENERAL CARLOS PRATS TO SUCCEED SCHNEIDER AS CINC PROTEM.

E. [redacted] TO KEEP [redacted] CARABINEROS AWAY FROM VIP HOUSE AREA TO INSURE THAT ABDUCTION WILL NOT BE INTERFERED WITH.

F. ON 20 OCTOBER CABINET WILL RESIGN. ONLY ZALDIVAR (FINANCE) AND FIGUEROA (ECONOMY) WILL STAY.

G. ALL OTHER CABINET POSTERS WILL BE GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES AND POLICE.

H. GENERAL SCHAFFHAUSER, CHIEF OF STAFF OF ARMY, WILL BE APOINTED MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. [redacted].

I. GENERAL URBINA [redacted] WILL BE RELIEVED OF COMMAND OF SECOND DIVISION IN SANTIAGO AND APPOINTED CHIEF OF STAFF VICE SCHAFFHAUSER.

J. ON 21 OCTOBER, FREI WILL RENOUNCE PRESIDENCY AND LEAVE CHILE [redacted]

K. ON 22 OCTOBER, MILITARY JUNTA HEADED BY [redacted]

[redacted] ILL BE INSTALLED [redacted]

L. CAPTAIN RAUL LOPEZ WILL BE APPOINTED CINC NAVY WHICH AUTOMATICALLY RESULTS IN RETIREMENT OF ALL ADMIRALS.

M. GENERALS HUERTA AND VALENZUELA WILL STAY IN THEIR PRESENT POSITIONS.

N. GENERAL JOAQUIN GARCIA WILL BE APPOINTED CINC AIR FORCE.

M. JUNTA WILL DISSOLVE CONGRESS (VALENZUELA COMMENTED THAT THIS WOULD BE MILITARY'S ONLY UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACT).

4. GENERAL VIAUX KNOWLEDGEABLE OF ABOVE OPERATION BUT NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED. HE HAS BEEN SENT TO VINA TO STAY WITH PROMINENT PHYSICIAN. WILL BE SEEN IN PUBLIC PLACES DURING 19 AND 20 OCTOBER TO DEMONSTRATE FACT THAT ABOVE OPERATION NOT HIS DOING. WILL BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO SANTIAGO AT END OF WEEK.

5. MILITARY WILL NOT ADMIT INVOLVEMENT IN SCHNEIDER'S ABDUCTION WHICH IS TO BE BLAMED ON LEFTISTS. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, CARABINEROS WILL INSTITUTE SEARCH FOR SCHENEIDER IN ALL OF

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CHILE, USING THIS SEARCH AS PRETEXT TO RAID COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED POBLACIONES. EXTREME LEFTIST AND RIGHTIST LEADERSHIP WILL BE PICKED UP AND DISPATCHED ACROSS BORDER. ACCORDING VALENZUELA, ONLY FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON PLAN: [redacted], [redacted] AND VALENZUELA. [redacted] SURMISES THAT [redacted] AND [redacted] ALSO CLUED IN AND THAT THEY IN TURN BRIEFED [redacted].

6. VALENZUELA DWELT AT LENGTH UPON JUNTA'S PROGRAM (WHICH FAIRLY COMMONPLACE AND THEREFORE NOT REPORTED IN THIS MESSAGE).

7. IF SCHNEIDER'S ABDUCTION SUCCESSFUL, VALENZUELA WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH [redacted] MORNING 20 OCTOBER [redacted] TO BE PAID 350,000, PRICE AGREED UPON BETWEEN PLOTTERS AND UNIDENTIFIED TEAM OF ABDUCTORS. [redacted]

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